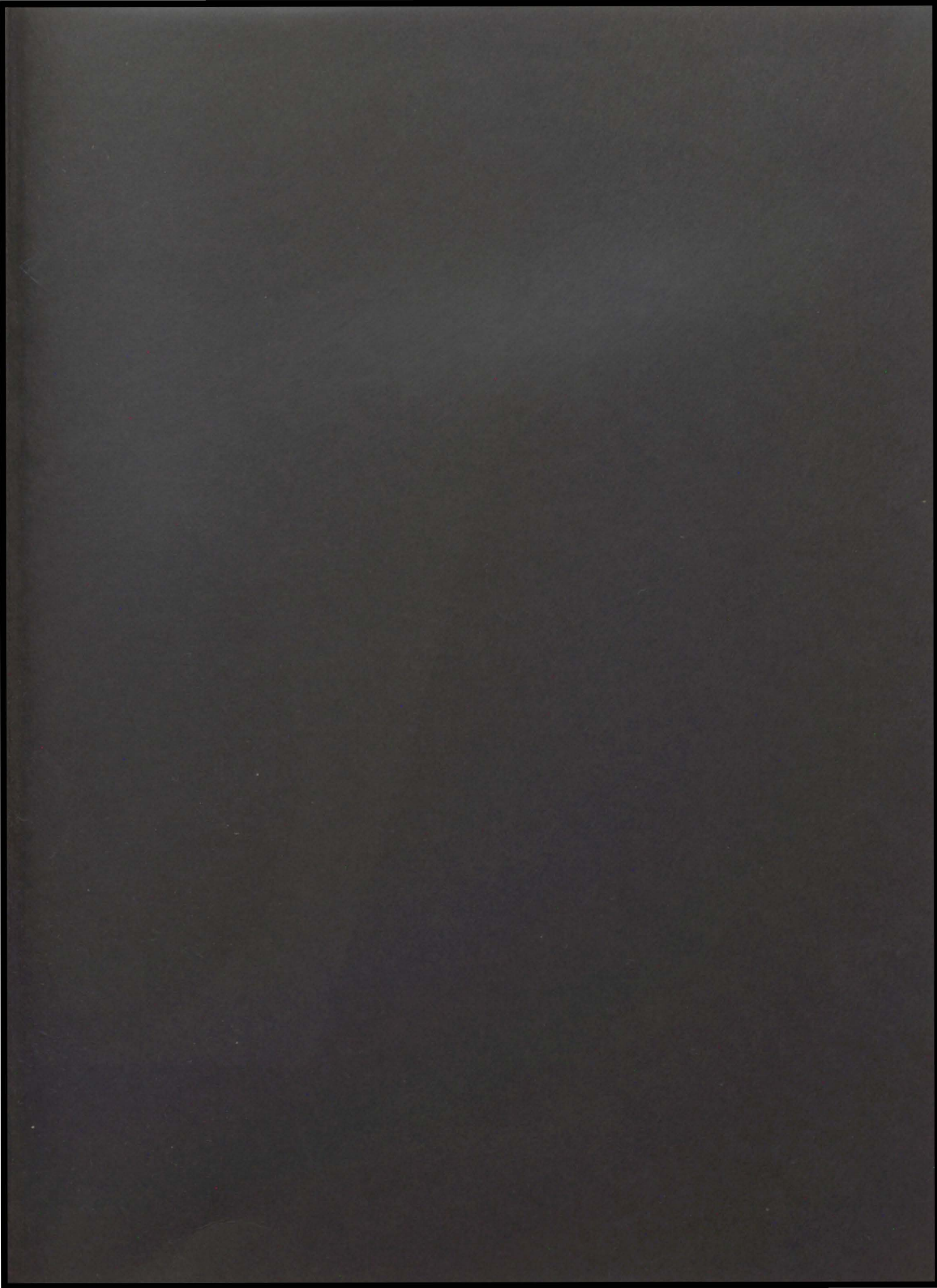
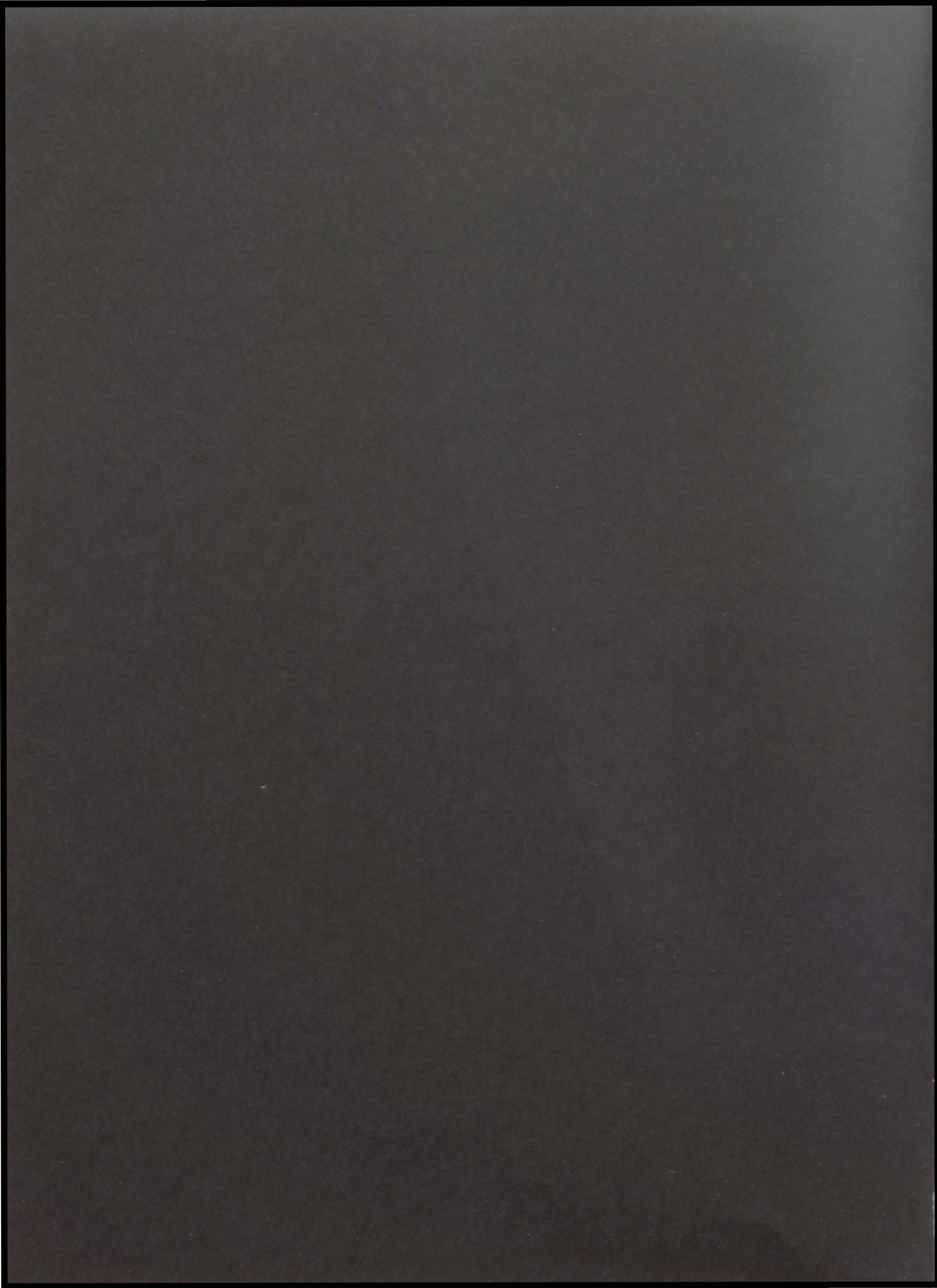




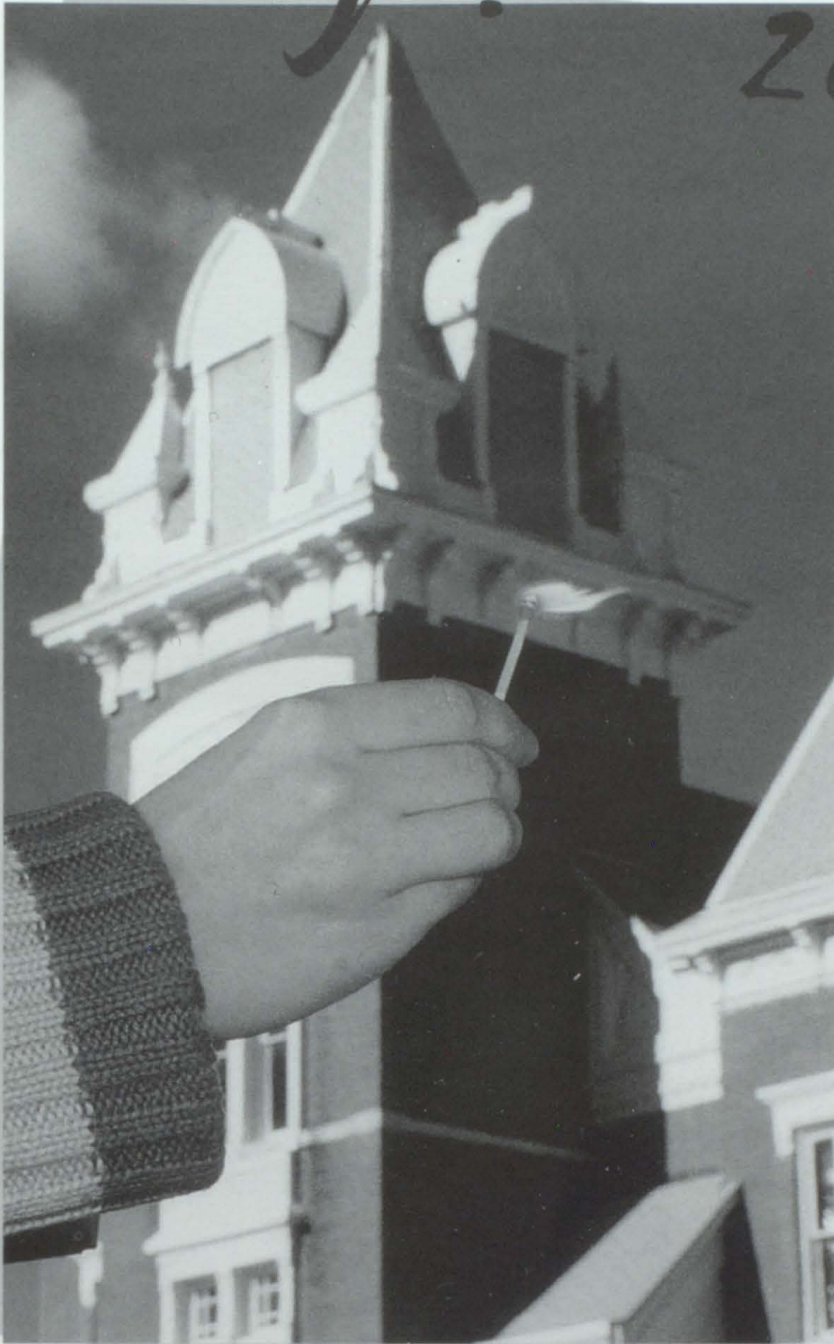
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...Only a spark can begin a raging fire.
...Only a dream can ignite a school for the Lord.

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Ignited Rest

"This is what the Sovereign Lord,
One of Israel says: 'In repentance and
salvation, in quietness and trust is
but you would have none of it'
Isaiah 30:15

We would have none of it. Generations to come will
Because Christians today overlook quiet time with God,
"Hurry up!" "Come on!" "We're late!" People of the 21st
fill the plates of our lives to the maximum capacity.
taking time to relish the flavor of our endeavors. We
in our pursuits. Meanwhile, our bodies and spirits
nited. They crave rest and quietness with God, but we
Due to our stubborn wills, we abandon God's fulfill-
televisions take the place of talking to Him.
replace our devotion to Him. God
takes over spending time in His
but the more we fill our lives, the

inaudible. Father, gets lost
tivities. We continue in our
how find time for a personal
Maker. In this get-up-and-go
an effort to get to know and
Only by submersing our lives
Father will that ignited ful-

"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious
sion, for the Lord is a God of justice.
Isaiah 20:18

Far Left- 1st graders Shawna Ritta,
Kimberly Deichmann, and 2nd
grader Tabitha Adams wave their
flags, as well as their hands, to greet
the crowd and honor the veterans in
the Veteran's Day Parade.

Left- Taking a break from life's hectic
schedule, sophomores Ted Swanson,
Tyson Smith, and Josh Thiessen
recharge with a quick power-nap.

the Holy
rest is your
your strength,

remember us as the people who disregarded God's words. we abandon the fulfillment God planned for our lives. century commonly use these phrases. Society tells us to We rush from one worthy activity to the next, never disregard our weaknesses and need for rest and press on scream for attention, thirsting to find a reason to be ig- will have none of it.

ment for our lives. God yearns to show us His grace, but God arises to bestow His compassion on us, but computers aches to provide us with His justice, but our impatience Word. We attempt to fill our lives so we feel complete, more empty we become. God, the untouchable, unseeable,

and forgotten in our ac- pursuits and must some- relationship with our world, we have to make spend time with our Lord. in quality time with the fillment be unearthed.

to you; He rises to show you compas- Blessed are all who wait for Him.

Above- Cuddled up to ward off the biting wind, sophomore Melissa Weiss, juniors Eva Mow, Jewel Thiessen, and freshman Melissa Krieger skeptically watch as the referee marks the yardage during a football game.



Right- Sophomore Ryan Faeh attempts to keep from getting soap in his eyes on the tarp at the Student Council Social.

Following in His Footsteps

As we go through each day, our lives are being sculpted. Our parents, teachers, friends, and many others whom we encounter each day teach us principles of life and encourage us in our walk with God. We, as students, look up to our parents and teachers, watch them handle stressful situations, observe their family relations, and notice them cry and pray with each other when things become difficult. How thankful we are that we can be in an atmosphere where God's love shines through those in authority over us and that we have so many examples to look up to.

One thing students often forgot, though, is how many people looked up to us, even though we were just students. People were always scrutinizing us, waiting to see how we were going to handle our next predicament, or modeling their life after our own. As our expedition in life continues, we need to remember to always set our eyes upon our Savior, Jesus Christ. He led a perfect life, and our goal is to become like Him.

-Suzanne Schmid

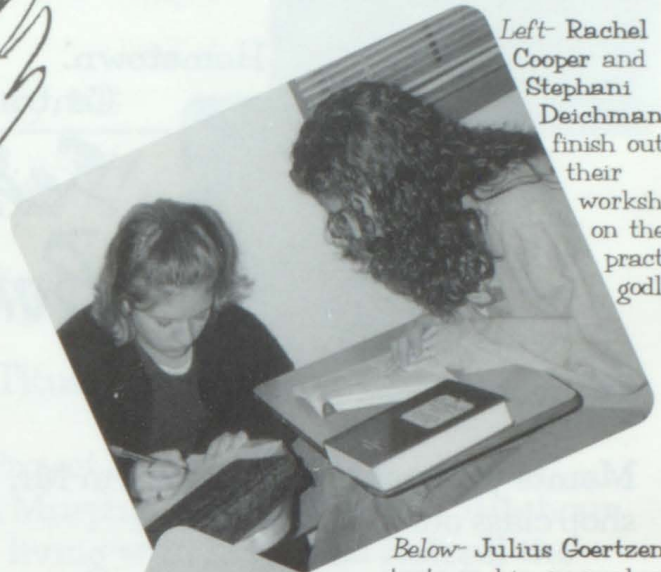
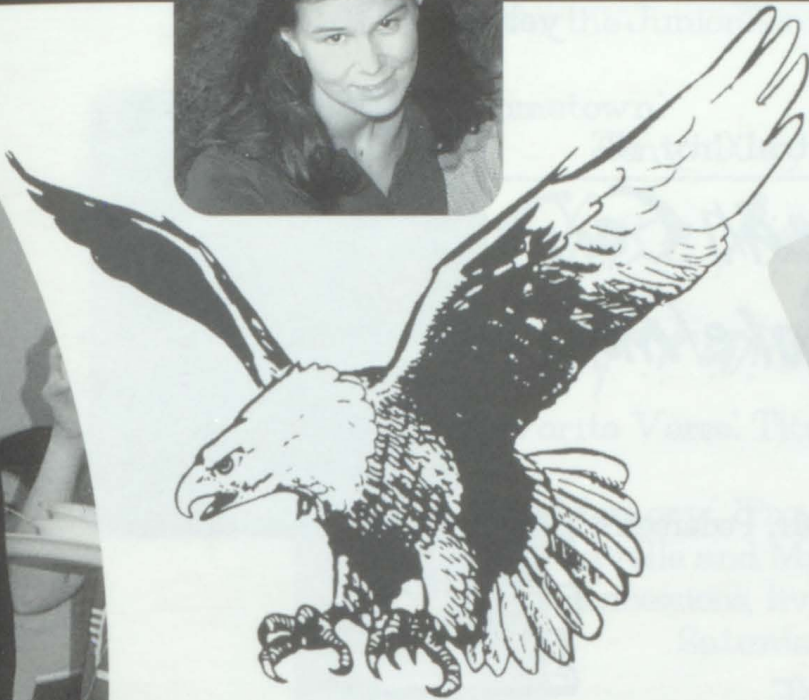


Above- Annalise Anderson, Tyler Nunnenkamp, and Crystal Ratliff listen attentively to Miss Smith's Bible lesson.

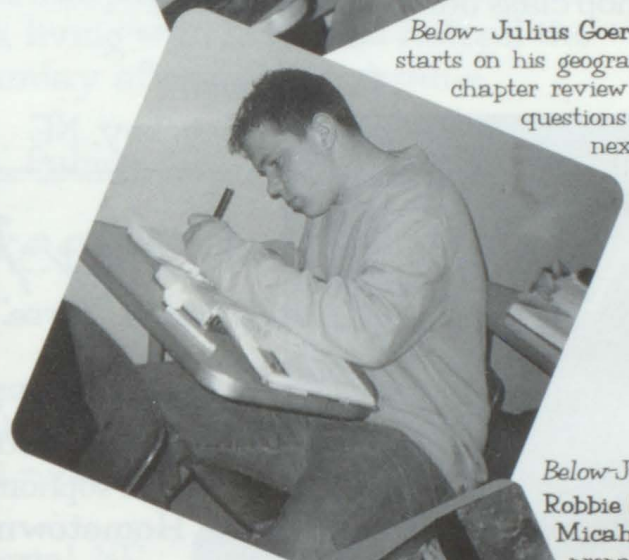


Above- During lunch, Luke Osler, Angela Andrews, Melissa Weiss, and Zach Smith discuss their plans to attend a midnight movie the following night.

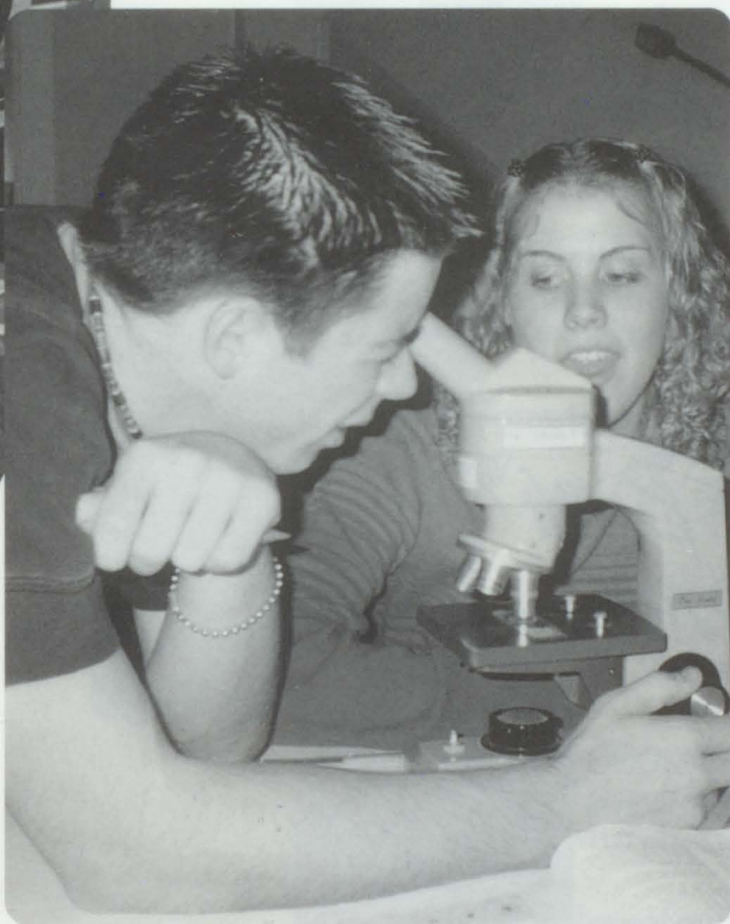
"I was thirsty for God and when I first came here, I got so much from NC." -Ashley Brookhouser



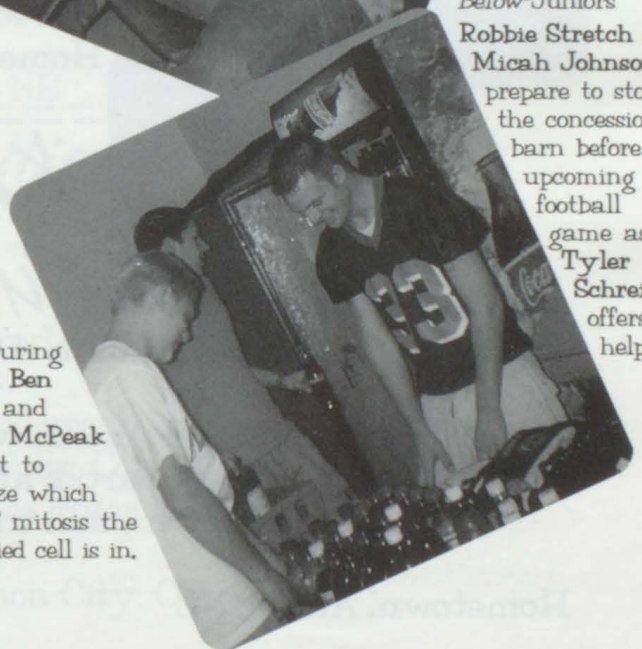
Left- Rachel Cooper and Stephani Deichmann finish out their worksheet on the practice of godliness.



Below- Julius Coertzen starts on his geography chapter review questions due the next day.



Left- During biology, Ben Unruh and Shelby McPeak attempt to recognize which form of mitosis the magnified cell is in.



Below-Juniors Robbie Stretch and Micah Johnson prepare to stock the concession barn before the upcoming football game as Tyler Schreiber offers his help.



Ross Andrew Aernhi

Favorite Verse: Psalm 91:14-16

Memory: The ride up to state basketball my junior year

Hometown:

Central City, NE



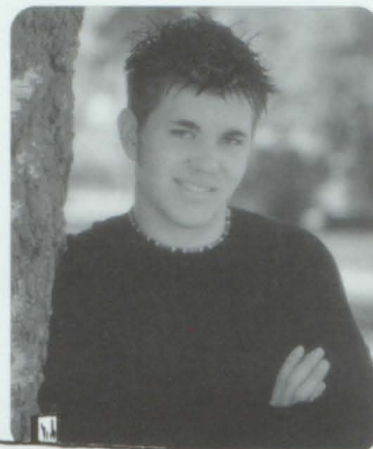
Sean Cody Bokelman

Favorite Verse: Micah 6:8

Memory: Breaking down trees in Mr. Pedersen's shop class our 8th grade year

Hometown:

Kearney, NE



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Ashley Ranae Brookhouser

Favorite Verse: John 1:12

Memory: Road-tripping with Ryan Greene, Kate Schmid, and Katie Cunningham our sophomore year

Hometown:

Brunswick, NE



Katie Beth Cunningham

Favorite Verse: 1 Corinthians 4:3-5

Memory: Cross-country, the car wreck of 2000, ditches, dancing on cars, parties at the Johnson's, DC Talk concert, and track

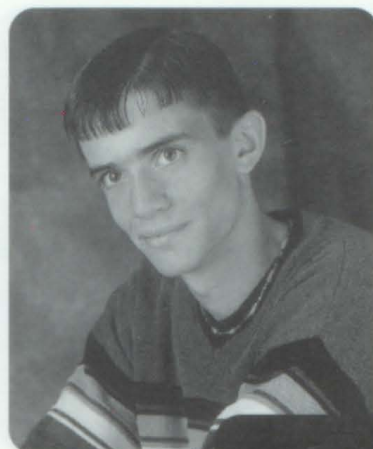
Hometown: Archer, NE



Bethany Elaine Dietz

Favorite Verse: Proverbs 20:15

Memory: Weight lifting, cheerleading, and drawing the Eiffel Tower for the Junior/Senior Banquet



Hometown:

Central City, NE

Chase Reilly
Franci



Favorite Verse: Titus 2:6-8

Memory: "Project Ducky," Colorado trip with Lavelle and Murphy, "The Great Race", 4th hour concessions, living with Luke, and football the Saturday after the Friend game



Hometown: Palmer, NE

Ryan Elliott Greene

Favorite Verse: Psalm 28:1

Memory: All the trips with the boys, camping, hitchhikers, car trouble, Mr. Pedersen's shop class, and river football



Hometown: Imperial, NE

Ryan Nathaniel
Lavelle



Favorite Verse: Proverbs 16:32

Memory: Mr. Pedersen's shop class, bus rides home from football games, Colorado road trip with Murph and Chase, river football, and 4th hour



Hometown: Canon City, CO



Misty Ann Meyers

Favorite Verse: Psalm 27:1

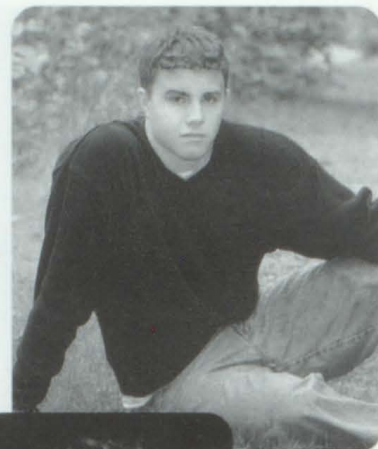
Memory: Class with Mr. Pedersen, interesting talks with Ryan Greene during accounting, and the trouble Sheena and I got into while living in the dorm

Hometown:

Cairo, NE



Matthew Lewis Murphy



Favorite Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Memory: Fourth hour, bus rides to games, shop class, and the road-trip to Lavelle's

Hometown:

St. Paul, NE



Erin Michelle Nickel

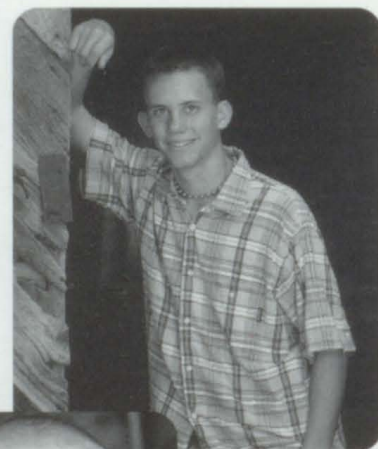
Favorite Verse: Psalm 138

Memory: Dancin' on cars at night, ditches (almost all of 'em), long talks late at night, and before speech meets

Hometown: Cairo, NE



Luke Alan Osler



Favorite Verse: Isaiah 40:31

Memory: Various activities out at "Project Ducky" and state track

Hometown: Kenesaw, NE



Amber Louise Paul

Favorite Verse: Psalm 37:4

Memory: Some of the cheerleaders getting lost on our way to the Wolbach game

Hometown:

Central City, NE



Jennifer Marie Rainbolt

Favorite Verse: Genesis 9:13

Memory: Making our TV series "Dorm Life I and II, Survivor Island"

Hometown:

Clarks, NE



Andrew Wayne Ritta

Favorite Verse: Daniel 2:21

Memory: "Captain Time" during basketball practice, state basketball, and small engines class

Hometown: Central City, NE

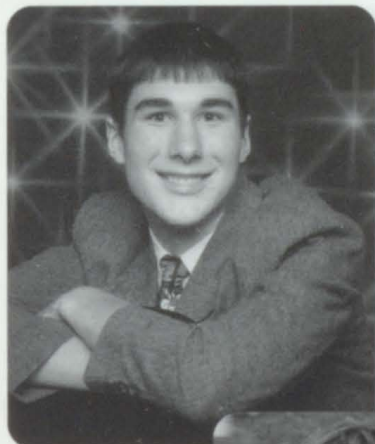
Nathan

Daniel Ruark

Favorite Verse: Psalm 37:4

Memory: Getting left in Henderson with Nathan Krug on choir tour and hilarious conversations in cross country

Hometown: Central City, NE





Kathryn Anne Schmid

Favorite Verse: Hebrews 13:6

Memory: District wrestling meets

Hometown: David City, NE



Amy Christine Schreiber

Favorite Verse: James 1:22

Memory: Hanging out with friends, 3-B Dukes, times with J-dog and Kid, getting lost in G.I. with Rachel, and sporting events

Hometown:

Central City, NE



Dana Lavern Smith

Favorite Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:11

Memory: Mr. Pedersen's auto shop, metals, and small engines classes

Hometown:

Fullerton, NE



Zachary Daniel Smith

Favorite Verse: Ecclesiastes 1:17-18

Memory: Fourth hour concessions, sophomore year, hanging in the dorm, speech meets, "Project Ducky," concert trips, road trips, and "The List"

Hometown: Fullerton, NE



Christina May Swanson

Favorite Verse: Psalm 139:24

Memory: Dancing on cars, cross-country, and the beverage guy

Hometown: Dannebrog, NE



Adam Thomas Thiesen

Favorite Verse: Philippians 4:13



Memory: Road-tripping with Micah and Greene, racing and fishing with Mike Kaiser, and walks on my beach



Hometown: _____
Central City, NE

Ryan James Veburg

Favorite Verse: Psalm 37:4

Memory: Decorating for the Junior/Senior our junior year

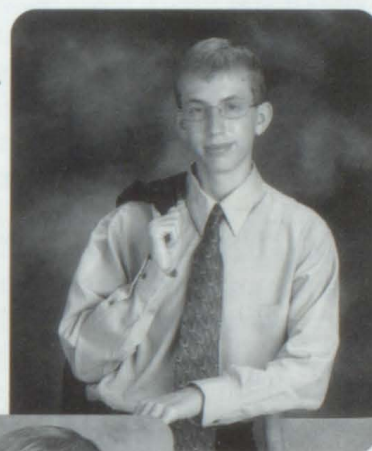
Hometown: Clarks, NE

Alyson Rae Zaruba

Favorite Verse: Luke 1:37

Memory: Valentine's Day

Hometown: Central City, NE



Final Flames



Above- After a full day of digging potatoes, seniors (clockwise from left) Andrew Ritta, Chase Franci, Misty Meyers, Sean Bokelman, Amy Schreiber, Ryan Lavelle, Matt Murphy, Amber Paul, Beth Dietz, Adam Thiessen, Alyson Zaruba, Christy Swanson, Katie Cunningham, Zach Smith, Ryan Greene, and Luke Osler enjoy a quick break before returning home.

Where IS the teacher's lounge, really???

-Through that little door underneath the bleachers

-Up in the bell tower by way of a hidden ladder in Mr. Dockweiler's office

-The old girls dorm

If there was one word Daniel Webster likely found difficulty in defining, the word "senior" had to be it. Throughout the years, each passing class has attempted to define this word by drawing an adjective or two from each of their own ranks of diversity, and in doing so have succeeded in weaving each class's unique personality into this ever-growing and ever-elusive definition. This year's class was no exception.

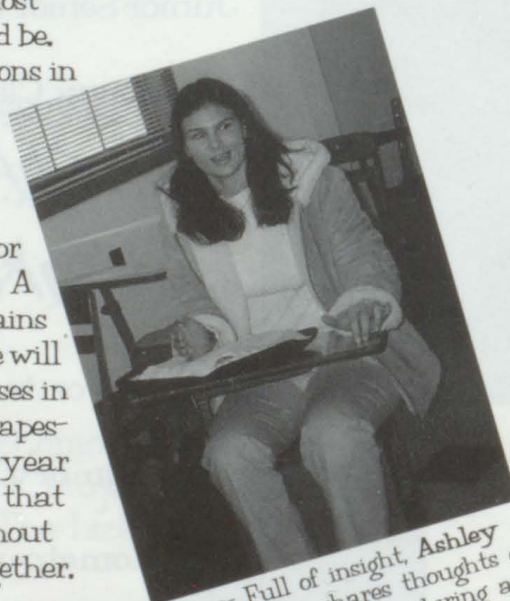
Beginning in early May of last year, a permanent smile could be seen firmly affixed to the faces of 24 expectant juniors whose time had finally arrived. With all of us eager to leave our mark on our space in time, we overlooked the difficulties that seemed to trail almost invisibly behind our ideas of how "senior life" should be. In the blink of an eye, we were left with the decisions in our hands. Suddenly, we were the ones up front leading chapel, we were the team captains, and we were looked at to set the example.

And now it's all over.

By the time you will be reading this, a new senior regime will be in place and the old likely forgotten. A new group will be in front leading chapel, new captains will be leading the sports teams, and a new example will be set. And so, we'll fall in line with all the past classes in sewing our own two threads into this never-ending tapestry. Two words that best defined "senior" for us this year were unity and understanding. Perhaps two words that are not commonly associated with "senior," but without them, there would be nothing holding the threads together.

-Chase Franci

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Above- Full of insight, Ashley Brookhouser shares thoughts on the subject of quiet time during an in-school Bible study.

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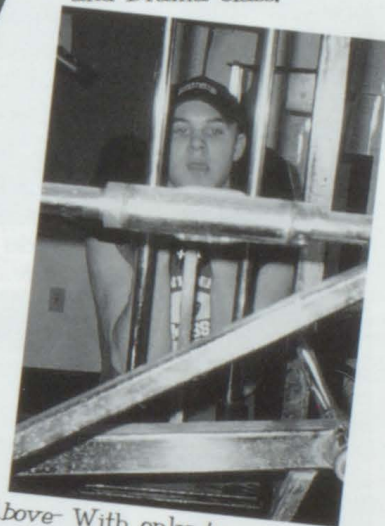
Above-Left to right, front to back: Row 1. Katie Cunningham Row 2. Beth Dietz, Zach Smith, Misty Meyers, Ross Aerni, Erin Nickel, Dana Smith, Christy Swanson, Sean Bokelman, Ryan Greene Row 3. Andrew Ritta, Amber Paul, Adam Thiessen, Alyson Zaruba, Nathan Ruark, Matt Murphy, Luke Osler, Kate Schmid, Ryan Lavelle, Ashley Brookhouser, Jenny Rainbolt, Chase Franci, Amy Schreiber, Ryan Veburg

Left- Katie Cunningham shows her support for the Eagles basketball squad as she looks on during the home game versus Spalding.

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Left- Making the most of his time while waiting for the other speeches to finish, Zach Smith brushes up on a few chords for chapel later in the day during 1st hour Speech and Drama class.



Above- With only two reps to go, Dana Smith concentrates to finish out the set during 1st hour weight training.



Above- Taking a quick stop on the way to dig potatoes, Ryan Lavelle ponders the worth of a donut compared to a canister of live bait.

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Recent Responsibilities

Responsibility is the 14 letter word that our parents have tried to drill into our minds since we were young. Most of us were probably glad they did because our junior year was not just a walk in the park. This past year we were faced with many new responsibilities, such as suddenly becoming an upper-classman and starting to think about college.

We also had a variety of other responsibilities that ranged from Robbie Stretch and Micah Johnson in concessions to the select few planning the junior/senior banquet. Although these tasks at first seemed a little overwhelming, most enjoyed the challenge. Class president Rachel Cooper agreed, "My schedule was packed...but that's good because I like being busy."

-Corryn Storz and Brianna Epp



Above: Rachel Cooper waits patiently for her lab partner Aaron McHargue to tell her the answer to the volume question during a chemistry lab.



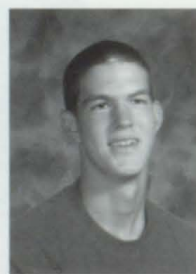
Ashley
Chase



Nikki
Christensen



Rachel
Cooper



Mark
Creutzberg



Lynn
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Deichmann



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Epp



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Garwood



Ashley
Janzen



Micah
Johnson



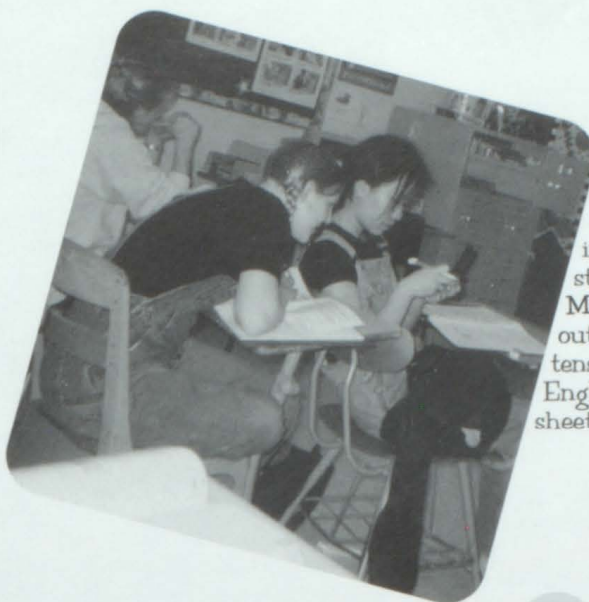
Aaron
McHargue



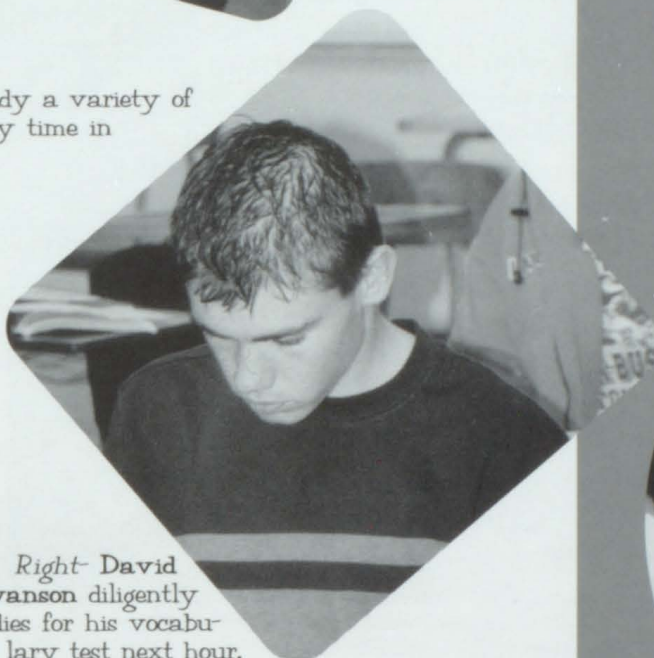
Jennifer
McIntyre



Left Students study a variety of items during study time in English class.



Left Jewel Theiszen helps international student Eva Mow figure out the verb tense for their English worksheets.



Right David Swanson diligently studies for his vocabulary test next hour.

Who are the most energetic girl and guy in your class?



Nikki Christensen



Jeremy Urban



Kristin Miller



Eva Mow



Carissa Schweitzer



Corryn Storz



Robbie Stretch



David Swanson



Jewel Theiszen



Shawn Troester



Jeremy Urban



Misty Voss



Lisa Weedin

Unified Diversity

"Diverse," as defined in Webster's dictionary, means "differing from one another" or "composed of distinct or unlike elements or qualities." Surprisingly, the Nebraska Christian sophomore class of 2004 was not in the dictionary or the thesaurus, though it perfectly matched all definitions. Our class differed from each other in many ways. This year we added four Asian students who speak Japanese, Chinese, and Korean, which furthered our unique qualities. Ethnicity was not our only difference. Our hobbies also differed from relaxing by reading long novels to relaxing by working on "fast" cars.

Though our class may have been diverse, we shared the new responsibilities that came with being sophomores. After football, volleyball, and basketball games, we cleaned up the field and gym for the players to practice on the next day. Even though the task sometimes seemed monotonous or tiring, we remembered how simple it really was compared to our vows made to the Lord. We strove to set Christ-like examples to the younger students, our peers, and other adults who saw us.

Albeit, we were uniquely diversified, our unifying factor of Jesus Christ kept us in loving accord.

-Kaelee Stone



Angela
Andrews



Kayla
Aspegren



Nathaniel
Bergen



Hsien-Jung
(John) Chang



Scott
Dibbern



Melody
Dockweiler



Alexis
Epp



Ryan
Faeh



Yen Chao
(Paul) Feng



Marcus
Griess



Jeremy
Grosch



Alex
Huebert



Kayla
Johnson



Lydia
Kinney



Choongman
Lee



Shelby
McPeak



Hisato
Morishima



Jill
Nickel

Who are the
most energetic girl
and guy in
your class?

Left- Derek
Veburg meticulously scans his
World History notes
in preparation for a
long chapter nine
test.

Left- With a careful eye, Ryan
Faeh discerns the difference between
metaphase and prophase, while
Lydia Kinney patiently waits
to record the data.

Right- Jeremy
Grosch follows the
directions on the
computer screen to
continue to print
"Wheels" in
Computer II.



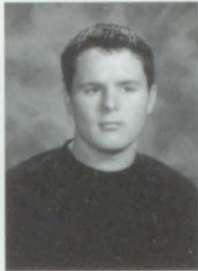
Angela
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Ted
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Matt
Patrick



Jon
Rhoades



Suzanne
Schmid



Drew
Schreiber



Tyson
Smith



Kaelee
Stone



Racheal
Swanson



Ted
Swanson



Josh
Thiessen



Grant
Tonniges



Ben
Unruh



Derek
Veburg



Courtney
Voss



Melissa
Weiss

A New Generation For NC

This year, the freshman class was one of the largest ever. Each person came to this school for his or her own reasons, and the entire group looked forward to the rest of their high school education. The size and enthusiasm of this class gave Nebraska Christian hope for the future.

"The thing I like best about NC," said Hannah Hampton, a resident freshman, "are the older Christian models who I can look up to and follow in their footsteps."

Charity Davis enjoyed the Christian environment that the school provided. She came from a public school, and was glad to be attending NC this past year. "It feels good to be with my brothers and sisters," she said.

For new students and those who have been here for years, NC has helped kids achieve their goals and create memories that they will never forget. Good luck to the class of 2005!

-Jenny Rainbolt



Charity
Davis



Meagan
Elge



Winter
Flodman



Julius
Goertzen



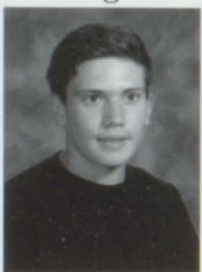
Emily
Griess



Hannah
Hampton



Meagan
Hoops



Alex
Inman



Kristi
Johnson



Sarah
Kauk



Jessica
Kirby



Melissa
Krieger



Taffy
Lee



Alina
McIntyre



Micah
Neely



Andrew
Nunnenkamp



Matt
Parlane



Tim
Peterson



Left- Jena Ward, Michael Wegner, and Alina McIntyre take geography notes in preparation for their next test.



Left- Pam Shimmin and Mikayla Wegner head to their lockers in order to switch their English books for their Bible books between seventh and eighth hours.



Above- During the boys' game against Spalding, Hannah Hampton and Melissa Krieger watch Drew Schreiber shoot from the freethrow line.

Who are the most energetic girl and guy in your class?



Sarah Rainbolt



Micah Neely



Sarah Rainbolt



Justin Ratliff



Valerie Ritta



Nic Ryan



Tyler Scheer



Tyler Schreiber



Pam Shimmin



Troy Thiesen



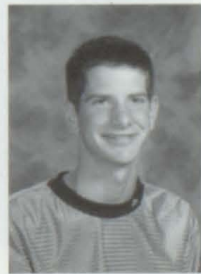
Holly Urban



Kaitlyn Voss



Jena Ward



Jason Weedin



Michael Wegner



Mikayla Wegner

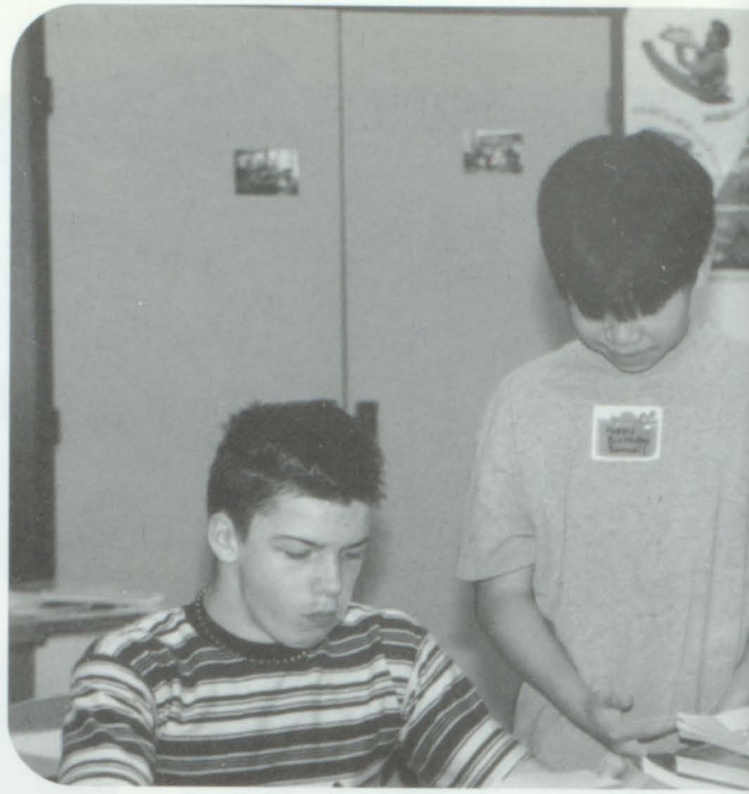
Blazing through...

Junior high. This year was filled with many adjustments, however, some things remained the same. For the second straight year, the class of 2006 was the youngest class at the high school campus while the class of 2007 was the oldest class at the Marquette campus. These two classes made up the junior high in spite of the fact that they were separated in everything except sports.

This year's junior high had two international students, Daniel Jang and his cousin Samuel Hwang. Sports participation helped to integrate the international students as well as unify the students at separate campuses.

Junior high was challenging, but once we overcame the challenges we had a great time. The difficulties we faced helped to prepare us for high school, college, and life.

-Billy Gripenstroh



Right- Carmen Dockweiler, Becca Brill, and Celeste Hattan wash dishes after making Hugs and Kisses cakes.



Becca Brill



Phillip Cunningham



Jordan Davis



Carmen Dockweiler



Billy Gripenstroh



Celeste Hattan



Sam Krug



Jeremy Lutes



Jason Miller



Tyson Ratliff



James Regier



Chris Senkbile



Ashley Stone



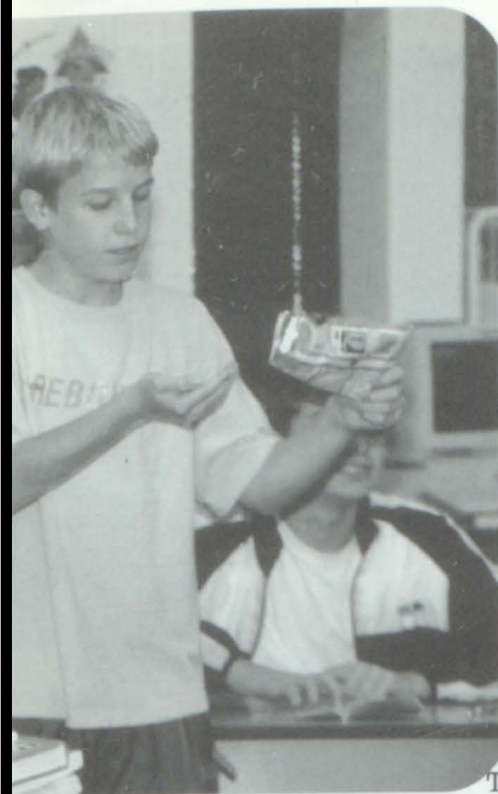
Amy Thiessen



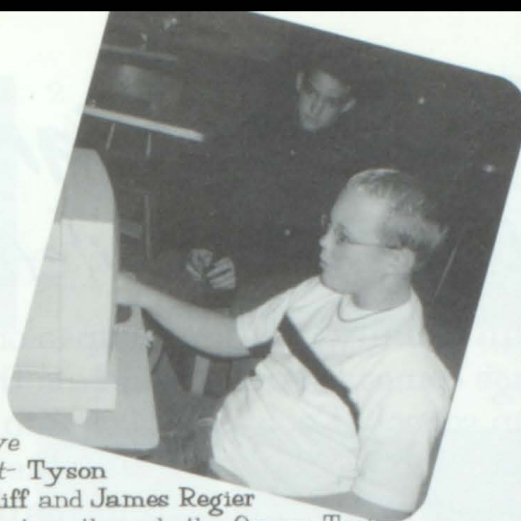
Ryan Weedin



Sydney Zaruba

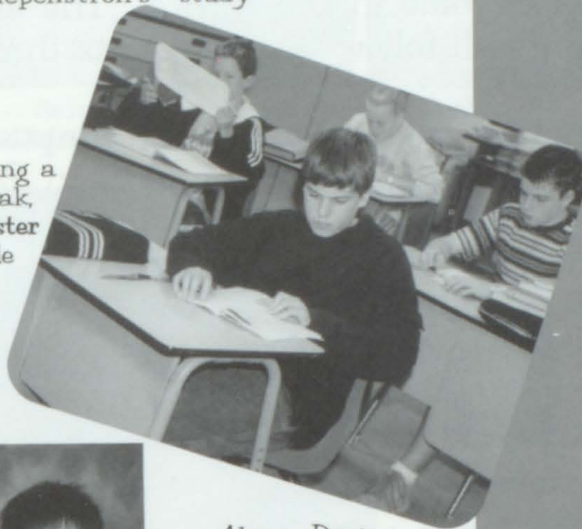


Above right- Tyson Ratliff and James Regier adventure through the Oregon Trail and sharpen their survival skills during Mrs. Griepentstroh's study hall.



Left- During a snack break, Tony Troester

munches on Cheetos while Micah Unruh, with the help of Samuel Hwang, scrambles to get his history homework done before the break ends.



Above- During study time, A. J. Deichmann diligently works to get his vocabulary assignment done.



Phillip Cunningham
8th grade



Truman Faeh
7th grade



Annalise Anderson



Jeong (Samuel)
Wook Hwang



Josh Bailey



A. J.
Deichmann



Luke
Faeh



Truman
Faeh



Han Sol
(Daniel) Jang



Trevor
Nunnenkamp



Tyler
Nunnenkamp



Crystal
Ratliff



Matt
Ryan



Samuel
Stuhmer



Tony
Troester



Micah
Unruh

Who is the most energetic person in your class?

Elementary Lessons for a Lifetime

Elementary school can usually be summed up in one word, "change." With change comes learning, which is the whole reason students are in school. Each year, going to a new grade, they learn a little more about God, life, others, and themselves. They also learn a few facts about mathematics, history, and English. These lessons are only the beginning of what is to come in the future. The lessons learned in elementary will follow these students throughout their lifetimes.

Nebraska Christian Schools-Marquette Campus, consisted of 53 students plus 14 seventh graders in 2001-2002. The decision to have seventh grade at the Marquette Campus was definitely the biggest change for everyone. Though it was very different, it left room for growth and change among the students.

-Brianna Epp



Above- Fourth grader Christopher Toukan studiously fills out flashcards for his spelling list that week.



Above- Kindergarteners Rachel McHargue and Ariel Paup learn to write out the alphabet.



Above- Students listen intently while Miss Smith explains about South America.

KI
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Rachel
McHargue



Ariel
Paup

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Sapphire
Anderson



Shanna
Bailey



Carrie
Beck



Kimberly
Deichmann



Anthony
Faeh



Curtis
Heuermann



Bekah
Mead



Braden
Moody



Dalton
Paup

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N
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Spirits Ablaze

This past school year brought the opportunity for both elementary and high school staff to meet every Monday morning before school for prayer and a continental breakfast. Mr. Edgren's devotions ignited the spark within us that we needed for the week ahead. NC teachers and staff are not exempt from needing prayer and refueling so they can be good ambassadors for the Lord. "Ignited" we stood and were ready to go forth knowing that whatsoever we did for the Lord would not be in vain. You could hear the staff humming that popular chapel chorus, "Light the Fire" as they headed to class—

"Light the fire in my weary soul.
Fan the flame, make my spirit whole.
Lord, you know where I've been,
So light the fire in my heart once again!"

—Jacky Uhler



Mike
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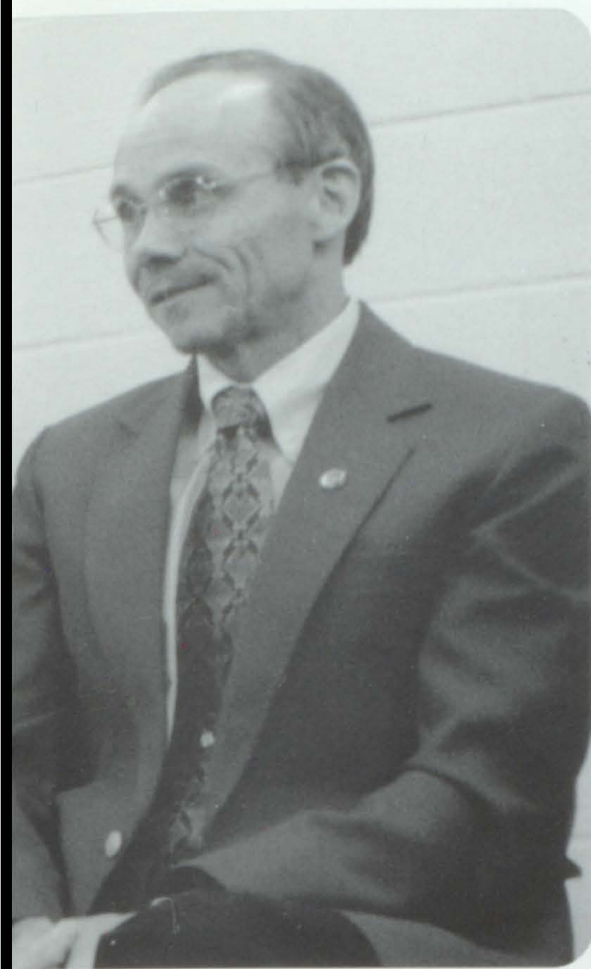
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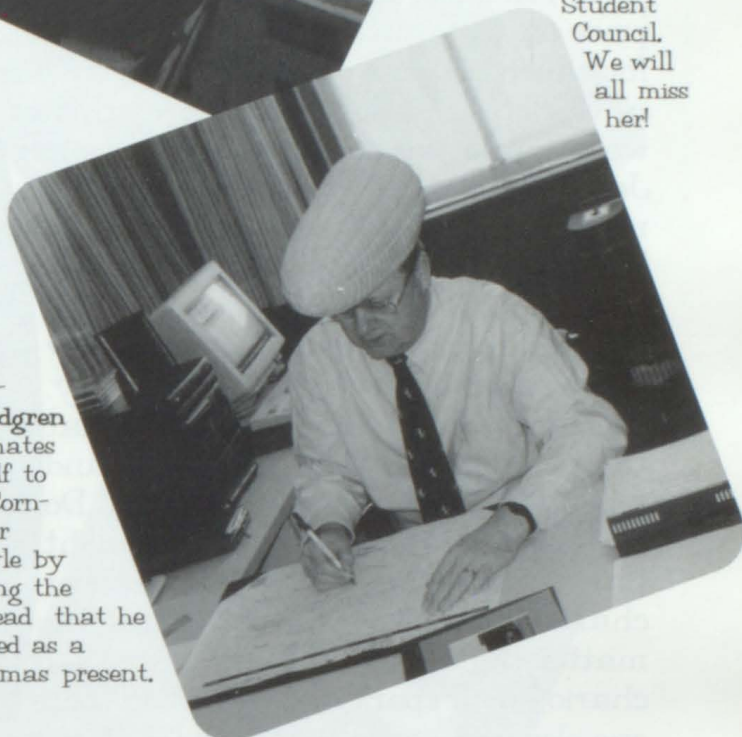
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Left- Participating in NC's version of the Newlywed Game, Mr. Uhler patiently waits while Mrs. Uhler struggles to remember which car they had when they were first married.



Left- Mrs. Prusa gets into Spirit Week by writing a few notes to send with encourager balloons sold and delivered by the Student Council. We will all miss her!



Right- Mr. Edgren acclimates himself to the Cornhusker lifestyle by wearing the cornhead that he received as a Christmas present.



Donna Pedersen



Marlow Pedersen



Rainey Prusa



Bob Ritta



Susan Ritta



Linda Saunders



Charissa Smith



Cheryl Smith



Denise Schreiber



Larry Schreiber



Janice Stuhmer



Bill Uhler



Jacky Uhler



Elaine Wischmeier



Verna Zaruba

Chariots of Fire

Some may call it organized insanity, others opt to try out to feel like part of a team, while a few see it as their addiction to strive for excellence. But... what are sports? Perhaps Philippians 3:14 describes it best. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." As Christian athletes, we compete to win the prize for Christ Jesus. Winning the race, game, or match doesn't lend significance to the "W" on our record; more importantly, it's the attitude and demeanor with which our team contends. Matthew 5:16 reminds us, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Do our "chariots" radiate with the bright flame of God? We need to keep our chariots always glowing so that no matter the "W" or "L" on the record, our chariots will spark an interest in someone else and ignite their fire for Christ.

-Kaelee Stone



Above- Mark Creutzberg steals the rebound out of the hands of an Osceola Bulldog in the second game of sub-districts.



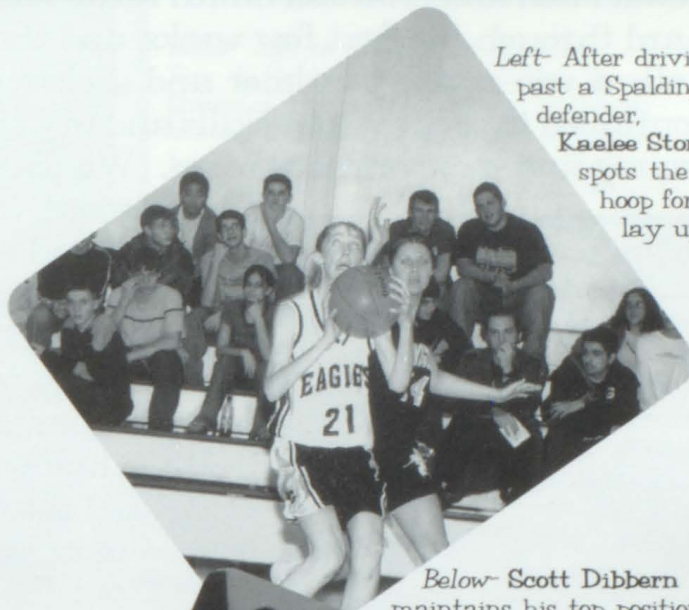
Above- The Eagles' Front Line confidently shows their support for the boy's basketball team during the pre-game warmups.

"The leadership, direction, and discipline of my coaches stimulated me to strive for my best."

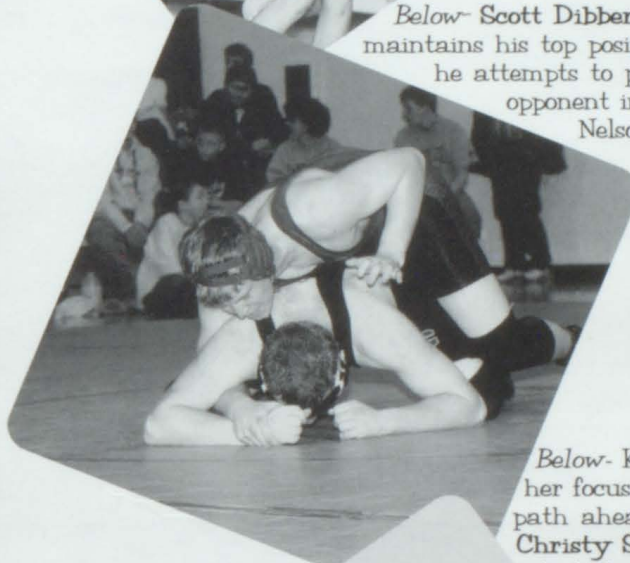
-Matt Murphy



Left- After driving past a Spalding defender, Kaelee Stone spots the hoop for a lay up.



Below- Scott Dibbern maintains his top position as he attempts to put his opponent in a half-Nelson.



Below- Keeping her focus on the path ahead, Christy Swanson tests her endurance on the last leg of the race.



Left- Tyson Smith dashes through an open alley as Ted Swanson searches for another opponent to block.

Growing Sparks

Though not the season we had anticipated, this year provided many opportunities for growth. Starting out the season with two weeks of preseason, we focused on growing in our individual skills as well as in team unity. Coaches Jewel Faeh and Charissa Smith returned to help us on our journey. We worked hard through the first few weeks, and the work paid off at our first triangular with a win against Palmer and a close game with Benedict. From there, we continued to improve our skills and to work out all the quirks that come with a young and inexperienced team. We played our best games at the Conference

Tournament, where we defeated Cedar Rapids in two easy sets and moved on to face Elba, the number one seed. Though defeated on paper, we all felt that we had played to our potential and had finally come together as a team. Our final record of 6-15 was a two game improvement over last season. We felt that we had worked hard toward our goal of "excellence," and the team is excited to continue the growth process next season.

-Ashley Chase

OPPONENT VS THEM

Benedict	1	2
Palmer	2	0
North-Loup	0	2
Stromsburg	0	2
Osceola	0	2
Hampton	0	2
McCool	2	1
Osceola	1	2
Elba	0	2
Rising City	0	2
Spalding	1	2
Fullerton	1	2
St. Edward	2	1
Cedar Rapids	2	0
Elba	0	2
Greeley	0	2
Cedar Rapids	0	2
Clearwater	0	2
St. Edward	2	0
Cedar Rapids	2	0
Osceola	0	2

All conference 3rd team: Stephani Deichmann



Above- The girls celebrate their game-winning point against St. Edward.



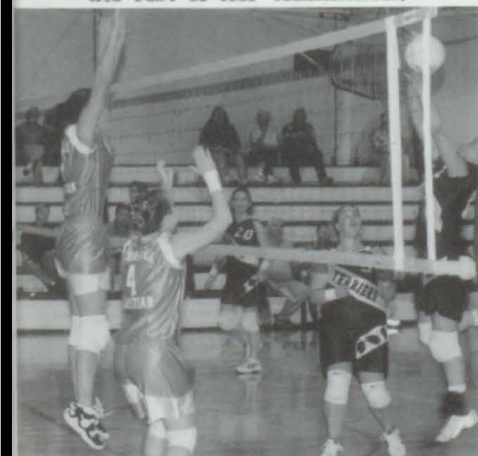
Above- Kaelee Stone anticipates the placement of the ball but cannot quite get there in time.



Below- Left to right, front to back:
 Row 1: Emily Griess, Jena Ward, Pam Shimmin, Holly Urban, Alina McIntyre, Winter Flodman, Charity Davis
 Row 2: Lynn Chang, Racheal Swanson, Shelby McPeak, Sarah Kauk, Taffy Lee, Mikayla Wegner, Valerie Ritta, Meagan Elge
 Row 3: Melody Dockweiler, Suzanne Schmid, Kaelee Stone, Kate Schmid, Amy Schreiber, Ashley Brookhouser, Alexis Epp, Kayla Aspegren, Jill Nickel
 Row 4: Coach Charissa Smith, Stephani Deichmann, Ashley Janzen, Rachel Cooper, Ashley Chase, Sarah Rainbolt, Coach Jewel Faeh



Above- Stephani Deichmann and Rachel Cooper pike over the net as they adjust to their opponent's hit.
 Below- Ashley Brookhouser extends above the net as she tries to read the angle of the hit for the rest of her teammates.



Above- Ashley Janzen prepares for the serve while remembering to keep her knees bent and meet the ball.



Above- Kate Schmid watches for perfect timing as she serves to spot number four.

A Blaze of Glory

Fall sports for the 2001 Eagles was met with an air of uncertainty. Returning only a handful of starters from last year's squad, it was clear that inexperience would be the primary problem. Yet as the season progressed, it was apparent that our potential far exceeded most people's expectations.

Opening the season with a 27-20 victory over a much-improved Hampton team, we only gained confidence in our abilities. That confidence was severely tested against state ranked #7 Friend as we saw the beginning of our season's injury problems en route to our first loss of the year. Milligan/Exeter came to town as our first home game, leaving us with a 1-2 record. But perhaps the most memorable play of the season came next against Lutheran High Northeast. The last-second heroics of senior Matt Murphy came in the form of a 53-yard screen pass that spoiled the hopes of a talented opponent. Our record now evened at 2-2, it was time to start district play in arguably one of the toughest districts in the area. The offense struggled to find the end zone in the next few games, and although the defense grew stronger with each passing game, we were left 2-5 with only two remaining games on the schedule. Top-ranked Humphrey St. Francis came next, a game everyone thought

would be over by halftime. Determined to go the distance with the best 8-man team in the state, the Eagles implemented their new "have fun" attitude and finally found the missing offense necessary to finish out the game. With everyone hungry for one last win, we were able to top a streaky Cedar Rapids team in a tight win to finish out the final game of the season.

Throughout the year, we were forced to overcome the trials that plague every team, but were able to pull it all together for the final two performances and leave the field—some of us for one last time—with memories that will last a lifetime.

—Chase Francé

OPPONENT	US	THEM
Hampton	27	20
Friend	0	48
Exeter/ Milligan	0	28
Lutheran NE	34	28
Newman Grove	0	34
Palmer	6	38
High Plains	0	50
Humphrey St. Francis	7	46
Cedar Rapids	25	22

All District 1st Team: Ryan Lavelle,
Matt Murphy; 2nd Team: Ben Unruh;
Honorable Mention: Ryan Garwood



Above: Slightly confused by the ever-changing blocking assignments, senior co-captain **Ryan Lavelle** attempts to clarify with **Coach Jividen** his responsibility on the preceding play.



Above: The Eagles special teams stacks the line in anticipation of an extra point attempt in their game against Humphrey St. Francis.



Below- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Student Manager Mark Cruetzberg, Andrew Ritta, Tyson Smith, Drew Schreiber, Jeremy Urban, Chase Francel, Jon Rhoades, Tyler Scheer, Micah Neely. Row 2: Adam Thiessen, Ted Swanson, Ben Unruh, Ryan Garwood, Ryan Lavelle, Grant Tonniges, Tim Peterson, Aaron McHargue. Row 3: Josh Thiessen, Micah Johnson, Matt Murphy, Tyler Schreiber, Shawn Troester, Micheal Wegner, Jason Weedon, Ryan Faeh, Nic Ryan.



Above- Senior co-captain Matt Murphy tucks the ball and runs to pick up extra yards and a big first down against Humphrey St. Francis. Below- Plotting strategy for the next series, coaches Brandon Hamer, Jeff Hower, and Chad Jividen anxiously await the snap.



Above- Freshman running back Tim Peterson looks the ball in on an option play against Homecoming opponent Newman Grove.



Above- Quarterback Jeremy Urban makes the most of a broken play as he looks to dodge an oncoming Flyer defender and pick up a first down.

Beyond Just Running

Whether we were facing 20 200s, a timed 4 miles up and down hills, or a difficult meet, our cross-country team always found verses like 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 helpful. "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." While urging us to run our best, these verses reminded us that only what we do for God's will truly matters.

With encouraging words from our teammates and our coach, we came out of endurance-testing practices stronger and more prepared for the next race set before us. We definitely made room for fun! An eight-mile run ended in a delicious spaghetti dinner. Bus rides and meets were filled with memories we won't soon forget.

Perhaps our favorite meet was at Aurora, where we experienced the thrill of running in the rain.

Some specific highlights of our season included when the girl's team won the East Butler Meet. Nathaniel Bergen placed first at the East Butler Meet. He also qualified to compete at state, where he placed 29th. Overall, our team grew closer together and enjoyed a profitable season.

-Melissa Weiss

2001 Meets

Aug. 31	Albion
Sept. 7	Aurora
Sept. 21	Albion
Sept. 27	David City
Oct. 2	East Butler
Oct. 11	Districts
Oct. 19	State



Above- Luke Osler listens attentively to Coach Johnson's pre-race advice, while Nathan Ruark and David Swanson watch the starting referee for the signal to line up.

Above- Cross-country runners Christy Swanson, Erin Nickel, Krystal Johnson, Katie Cunningham, and Melissa Weiss launch into their first steps of the 2 1/2 miles layed out before them at the Brainard Meet. The girls went on to finish first place.



Left- Focusing her eyes on the girl ahead of her, Melissa Weiss strives to pass her opponent with the encouraging thought that the finish is near.

Below- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Student Manager Kayla Johnson, Kristi Johnson, Katie Cunningham, Christy Swanson, Erin Nickel, Melissa Weiss Row 2: Alex Inman, Luke Osler, Nathan Ruark, Nathaniel Bergen, and David Swanson



Below- Senior Christy Swanson securely attaches her identification number to her jersey in preparation for the district meet.



Above- Striding out while running up a hill, Nathaniel Bergen pushes to increase the distance between himself and his opponents as he goes on to win the race.



Above- Coach Johnson prays for calm nerves and endurance for the girls before their race.

Young Flames

Though the 2001-2002 girl's basketball season started out tentatively, once we got rolling, we simply could not be stopped. Larry Schreiber stepped in at the last minute to fill the coaching position left by Paul McHargue. We had a young and inexperienced team with one senior, five juniors, two sophomores, and nine freshmen. Our numbers totalled only 17, but don't let that fool you!

Having a young team forced us to relearn our fundamental skills. We focused on the simple basics that can make any team great. Posts and forwards concentrated on getting rebounds, while point guards and shooting guards strained to better their dribbling skills. Too many turnovers frustrated the coaches, so we all critiqued our passing.

Each day we shared together in team devotions. They helped us to unwind and rethink what our real goals should have been. We realized that the witness that each of us had on the court would long be remembered, though the scores would quickly be forgotten.

Over the course of the season, we drew together to become a basketball team; we also deepened our relationships as sisters in Christ. The hours of determined effort paid off, and we finished the season with an 8 and 10 record.

-Stephani Deichmann

OPPONENT	US	TEAM
Palmer	45	31
St. Edward	48	32
Elba	29	48
High Plains	42	37
Wolbach	35	44
St. Edward	36	29
Stromsburg	27	53
North-Loup	44	63
Osceola (2OT)	48	50
Spalding	57	44
Greeley	37	47
Stromsburg	43	36
Cedar Rapids	51	32
Benedict	37	26
Greeley	43	49
Lawrence Nelson	34	56
Nebr. Lutheran	39	29
Osceola	43	44

All conference 3rd team: Ashley Chase

All conference honorable mention:

Stephani Deichmann and Amy Schreiber



Above- Stretching her arms, Melissa Weiss, reaches to keep the ball in-bounds so the team can continue running "50 Double".

Above- Ashley Chase drives around a Greeley defender, trying to break the 2-2-1 full court press.



Below- Left to right, front to back:
 Row 1: Amy Schreiber Row 2: Stephani Deichmann, Rachel Cooper, Ashley Chase, Corryn Storz, Lisa Weedn Row 3: Mikayla Wegner, Holly Urban, Melissa Weiss, Kaelee Stone, Sarah Rainbolt, Jessica Kirby Row 4: Coach Larry Schreiber, Hannah Hampton, Jena Ward, Meagan Hoops, Kristi Johnson, Valerie Ritta, Coach Mark Christensen



Above- Kaelee Stone dribbles underneath the basket and bounce passes to Amy Schreiber for the easy lay up.
 Below- Stephani Deichmann follows through on her free throw as Melissa Weiss and Ashley Chase patiently wait for the ball to go through the hoop.



Above- Rachel Cooper concentrates on the basket as she shoots her free throw to extend the lead against Cedar Rapids.



Above- Driving the baseline against the Greeley defense, Corryn Storz suddenly pulls up for the jump shot.

Unexpected Shocks

This year's varsity boys basketball season was one brimming with potential. Although we returned a considerably inexperienced team, we watched our skills develop throughout the year as we continued to improve. What we had by season's end was a team good enough to put a scare into some of the best teams in the state.

Facing a schedule loaded with state-ranked teams, many of whom we had to play twice, we often found ourselves in a tight game, at the very least up until halftime. It was at these times that our potential was most clearly seen, and it was these games that we built our season upon.

The highlight of the year was the trip to Lawrence/Nelson where we played the No. 6 team in class C-2. There our offense began clicking as a gritty back-and-forth battle fell to the final seconds, but we wound up on the short end of a 77-74 score. From that game on, our season continued to improve. We beat Palmer on a free throw with no time left to win 51-50, only to turn around and play them two games later as our first sub-district opponent. After picking up another 55-53 win, our season was cut short as we once again faced Osceola, the third best team in the state. Even though we came out firing, we fell short and ended the year with a 35-67 loss.

Overall, the year was filled with surprises. Although not all of them turned out as we would have preferred, rarely did we find ourselves disappointed with what we had accomplished.

-Chase Franci

OPPONENT	US	THEM
St. Edward	47	65
Elba	43	63
High Plains	44	55
Wolbach	48	54
St. Edward	32	68
Lindsay H.F.	46	72
North-Loup	57	44
Osceola	30	71
Spalding	71	53
Spalding	74	62
Greeley	36	75
Stromsburg	44	54
Cedar Rapids	68	74
Benedict	59	63
Greeley	41	69
Lawrence Nelson	74	77
Shelby	49	64
Palmer	55	53
Osceola	35	67

All conference team 3rd Team: Josh Thiessen; Honorable Mention: Drew Schreiber



Above- The Eagles rush the floor to celebrate their one point win over Palmer after Josh Thiessen's game-winning free throw.

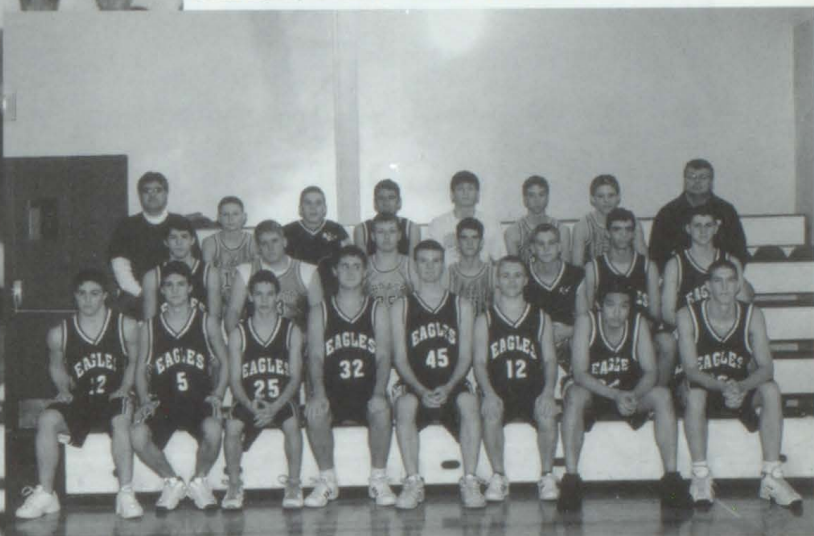


Above- Chase Franci pulls down the rebound for an easy put-back as Mark Creutzberg and Drew Schreiber look on.



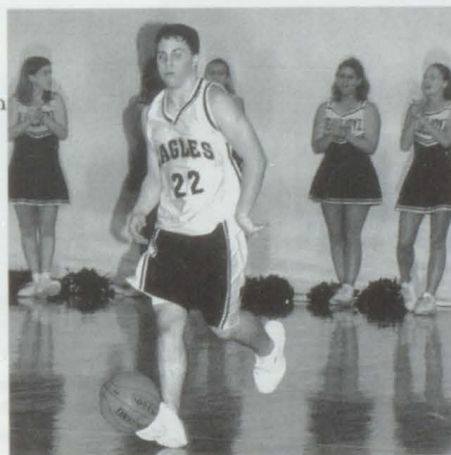
*As you sharpen the
Wrestling is an individual
your team makes you
The 2001-2002
through practices and work*

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Above- Looking to go up strong amidst a pack of Osceola defenders, Drew Schreiber waits for his opening during the Eagles' sub-district semifinal game.

*Above- Ross Aerni dives to the hoop before the defense can adjust in a home game against Spalding.
Below- Beating his defender to the baseline, senior co-captain Chase Francel gets an open lay-up while drawing a foul.*



Above- Senior co-captain Matt Murphy surveys the court before calling the offense against Elba.

Sharpened Iron

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17. Wrestling is an individual sport, but as that individual, you are only as good as your team makes you. They can either build you up or they can tear you down. The 2001-2002 wrestling squad built each other up in physical ways, through practices and workouts. They also built each other up in spiritual ways by using 24-hour character challenges and supporting each other with prayer.

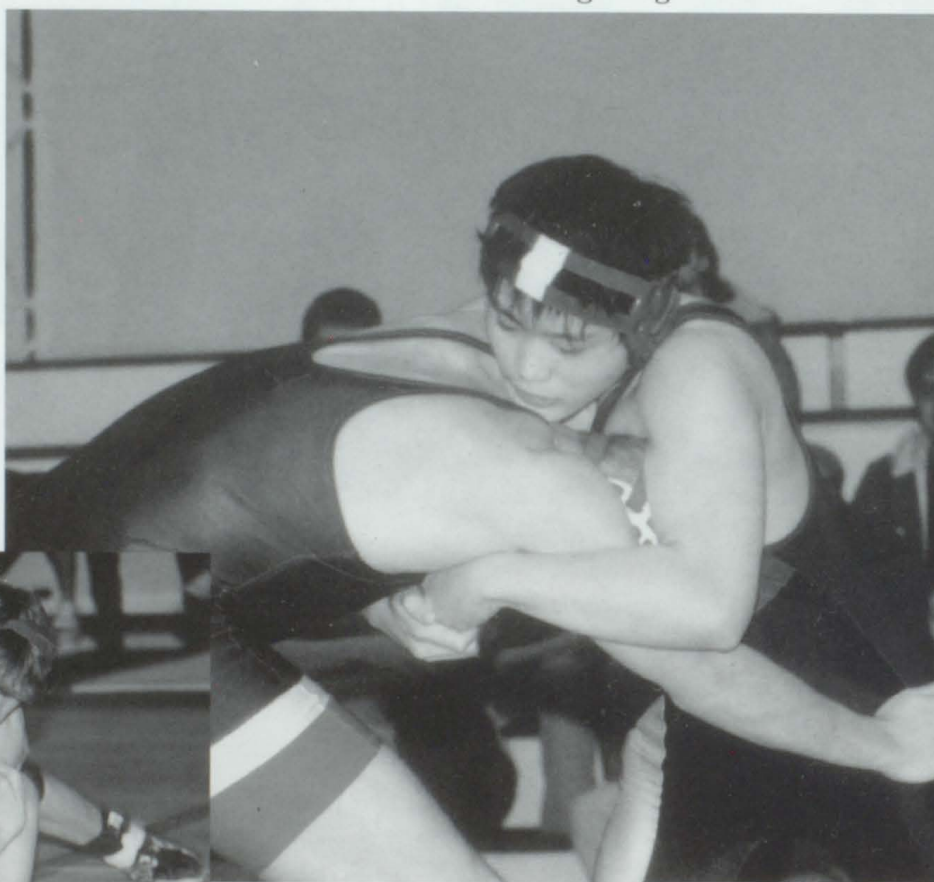
"What our team lacked in numbers was made up for in heart. The wrestlers challenged each other and wrestled with all their might to glorify God. The lessons learned this season will not be forgotten. They can become life lessons that each wrestler keeps with him, long after the season is over," said Coach Elge.

The team's goal was to make every man a better person on and off the mat. The challenges of wrestling pushed the wrestlers beyond what they thought possible. "Wrestling was an awesome experience. I would recommend it to anyone who is thinking about doing it," said senior Ryan Lavelle.

-Meagan Elge

Wrestler	Record
Ryan Lavelle	23-09
Ryan Garwood	17-13
Ted Swanson	20-15
Ryan Faeh	21-17
Scott Dibbern	15-15

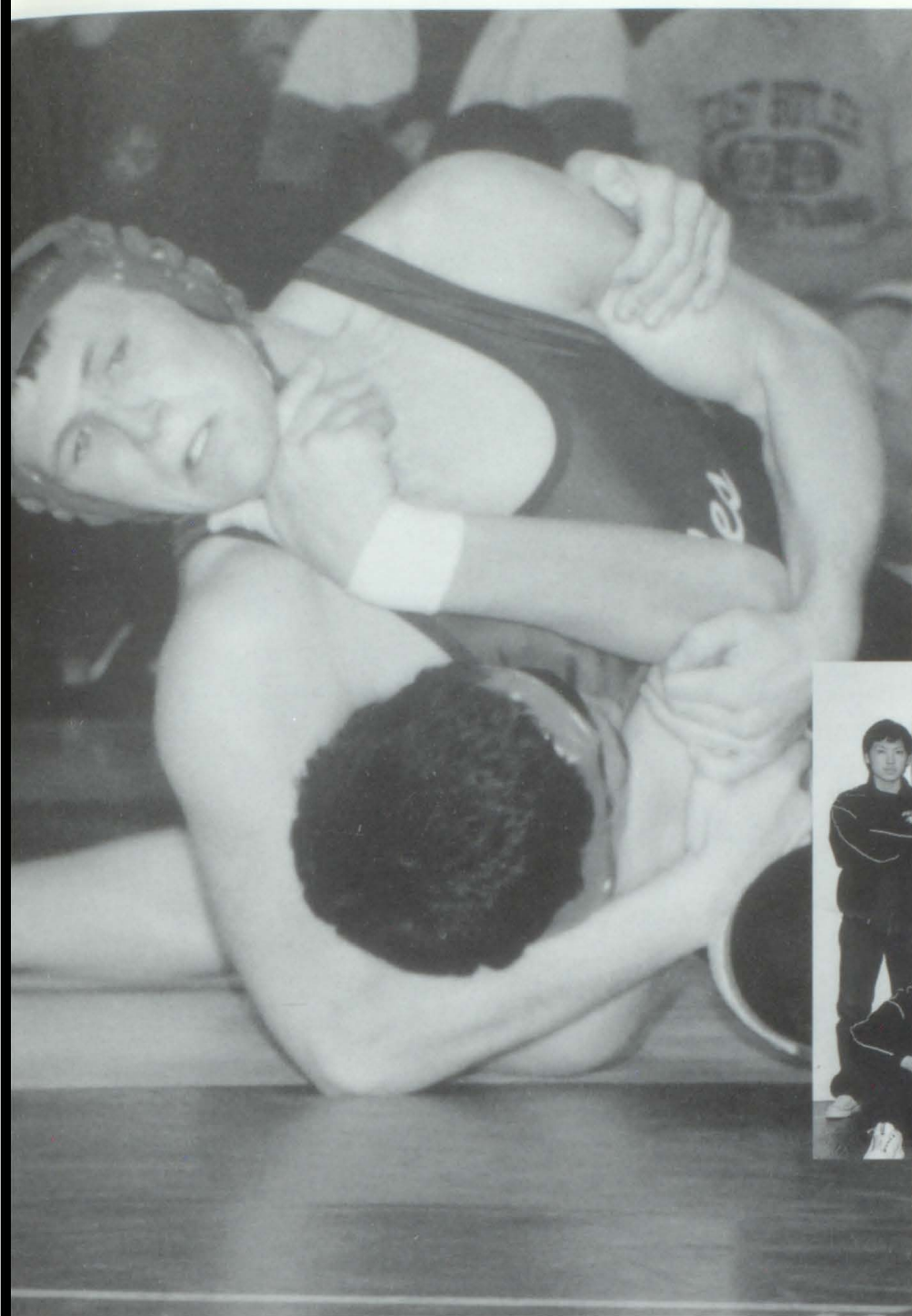
State qualifiers: Ryan Garwood and Ryan Faeh



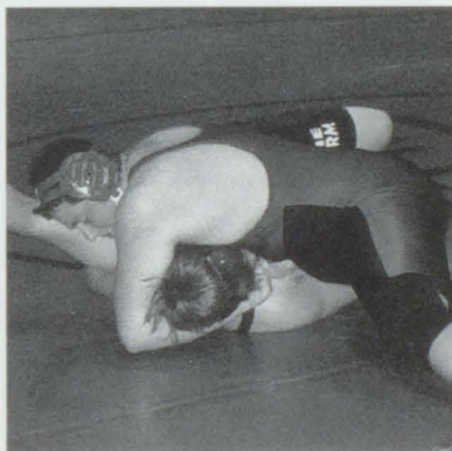
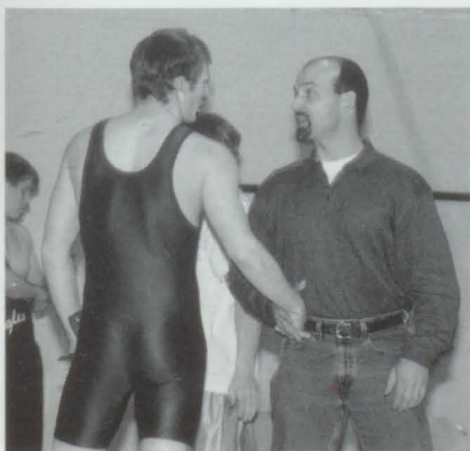
Above- Choongman Lee pushes with all of his might to pull his adversary down on the mat.



Left- Ted Swanson concentrates fully on twisting his opponent onto his back.



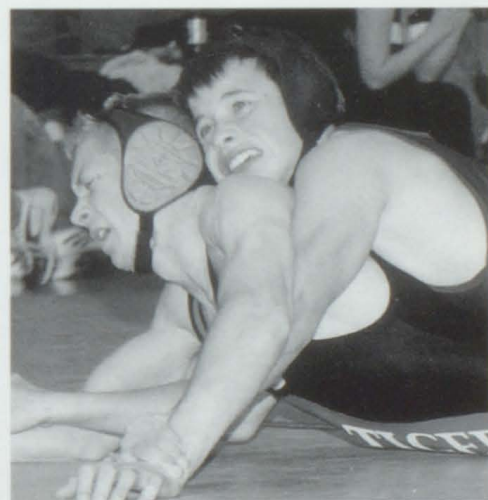
Above- Using ability and strength, **Ryan Garwood** powers his opposition onto his shoulder.
Below- **Coach Elge** congratulates junior **Ryan Garwood** on a job well done.



Above- Senior **Ryan Lavelle** holds his Davenport opponent for one final moment in order to achieve the victory.



Below- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Choongman Lee, Phillip Cunningham, Ryan Feah, Ted Swanson Row 2: Student managers Meagan Elge, Kate Schmid Row 3: Hisato Morishima, Ryan Lavelle, Ryan Garwood, Scott Dibbern, Sean Bokelman, Coach Terry Elge



Above- Portraying exertion on his face, **Ryan Feah** dominates over his opponent.

Rewarding Work

Sweat, exhaustion, and achy muscles are all constantly experienced by hard-working athletes. Track was a fun sport in which we all worked hard individually and accomplished great things as a team. Paul knew what he was talking about when he wrote, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3:23. So, whether we ran two miles or competed in a field event, we did it with our whole heart and didn't hold anything back. The most important thing was not winning but glorifying Jesus Christ by trying to improve on each performance and showing a Christ-like example. We were all winners in God's eyes, and He was pleased by our hard work.

"The best thing about track was finishing an exerting workout and knowing you gave your best effort," commented Kayla Johnson. Track taught us patience and the importance of hard work. Hard work always pays off in the long run.

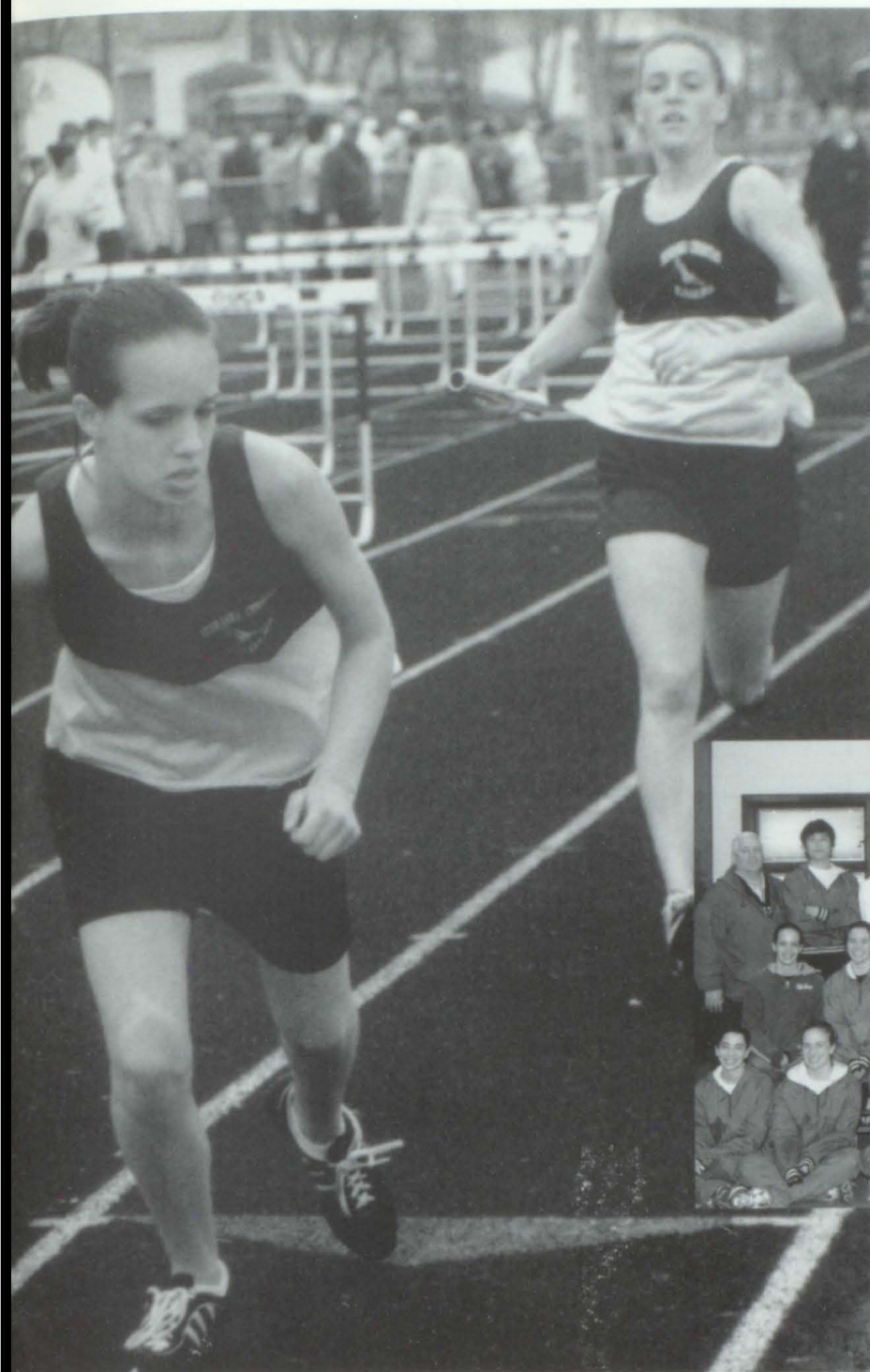
-Shelby McPeak

MEET	GIRLS	BOYS
Doane Invite	8 th	7 th
Osceola	6 th	6 th
NC Invite	3 rd	6 th
Palmer	2 nd	2 nd
Conference	1 st	3 rd
Districts	5 th	6 th



Above- Gliding over the hurdle, Jill Nickel attempts to pass her competitor in the 100 meter hurdles.

Above- Tim Peterson tries to move up on his competitor as he completes the second leg of the 4x800 relay.



Below- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Sarah Kauk, Kristi Johnson, Christy Swanson, Amy Schreiber, Mikayla Wegner, Sarah Rainbolt, Tim Peterson, Luke Osler Row 2: Melissa Weiss, Kayla Johnson, Stephani Deichmann, Jill Nickel, Andrew Ritta, Ben Unruh, Nathaniel Bergen, Ryan Garwood Row 3: Coach Larry Schreiber, John Chang, Drew Schreiber, Michael Wegner, Jon Rhoades, David Swanson, Mark Creutzberg, Hisato Morishima, Coach John Rainbolt (not pictured), Shelby McPeak, Jena Ward, Josh Thiessen, Justin Ratliff



Above- Sarah Rainbolt gives the Eagles a small lead in the girls' 4x800 relay as she steadily hands the baton off to teammate Melissa Weiss. Below- Josh Thiessen stretches his legs as he soars into the sandpit, trying to improve his personal record in the triple jump.



Above- Amy Schreiber puts all her energy into throwing the discus at the Merrick County Invitational Track Meet.



Above- Striding down the runway, Justin Ratliff grips the pole for his final attempt to clear 10'6" in the pole vault competition.

A Year to Remember

Junior high sports were many things. They contributed to our status; they helped build our dreams. Some even used them as a way to get out of school. While in junior high sports, we had a great time. Junior high sports had many advantages. We learned team unity and learned to work with our peers. Amy Thiessen named another advantage when she said, "I am glad that I got an opportunity to play sports in junior high because they have prepared me for high school sports."

This year will likely be remembered by all of the athletes and the coaches. The boys missed out in having a fall sport this year because there was no junior high football. However, the girls played volleyball during the fall and enjoyed participating in it. In basketball, the boys' team was undefeated and brought home first place trophies from two tournaments. The girls' team worked hard, and with the addition of the sixth grade girls, improved during their season. We had

five track meets, and every athlete gave his or her best effort.

All in all, this was a great year and the athletes were ambitious to please God during competition throughout the year.

-Billy Grienstroh

<i>Record</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Losses</i>
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Girls Volleyball	3	5
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Girls Basketball	2	6
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Boys Basketball	12	0
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<i>Track</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>
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High Plains	4 th	2 nd
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North Loup Scotia	3 rd	1 st
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Nebraska Christian	2 nd	2 nd
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St. Edward	5 th	7 th
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Conference	4 th	1 st
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Above- Becca Brill and Sydney Zaruba jump one final hurdle in the 100 meter hurdles before crossing the finish line.



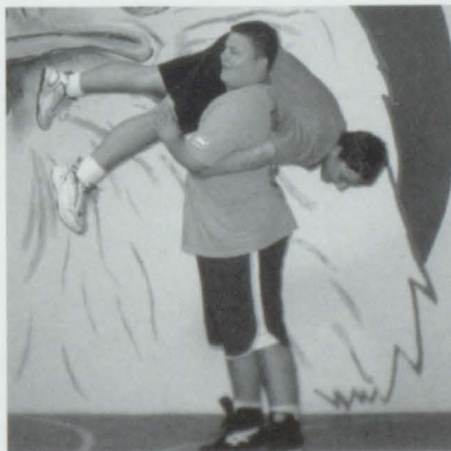
Above- Ashley Stone sets the volleyball as Crystal Ratliff lines up for the spike.



Below- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Tyler Nunnenkamp, Trevor Nunnenkamp, Josh Bailey, Brian Jeon, Matt Ryan, Samuel Stuhmer, Samuel Hwang Row 2: Luke Faeh, Daniel Jang, Sam Krug, James Regier, Tony Troester, Micah Unruh Row 3: Jason Miller, Ryan Weedon, Billy Gripenstroh, Chris Senkbile, Phillip Cunningham, A.J. Deichmann Row 4: Sydney Zaruba, Chrissy Ritta, Carmen Dockweiler, Becca Brill, Celeste Hattan, Ashley Reha Row 5: Ashley Stone, Amy Thiessen, Jordan Davis, Ashley Faeh (not pictured), Tyson Ratliff, Crystal Ratliff, Annalise Anderson, Truman Faeh, Kylee Bokelman)



*Above- Samuel Hwang and Daniel Jang split and leave Luke Faeh wide open to receive the pass.
Below- Tony Troester prepares to fly by his opponent with his ball handling skills.*



Above- Jason Miller and Jeremy Lutes have a smashing good time during wrestling practice.



Above- At the end of the basketball game, the Nebraska Christian and Grand Island Christian teams thank God for a safe and fun game.

Sparks in Time

What is worse: to be too lazy or to be too busy? With all of the activities for students to be involved in, high school can go by in a flash, or you can squeak through high school doing the bare minimum of extracurricular activities.

Like everything, there is a balance between the two extremes. Speech, choir, yearbook, band, and chapel are great to be involved in and can bring a sense of unity, cooperation, and accomplishment, but they can also be overwhelming. These activities consume every day of the week. Choir, band, and yearbook fill 4th hour every weekday. Speech meets and choir tours make for early mornings and long days on the weekends. On the flip side, you have the option of not going out for any of these and missing out on the memories that everyone else will have for the rest of their lives.

Do not abstain completely from the things your school offers, but enjoy them to the correct extent. To be busy or not to be busy, that is the decision you will make. And ask yourself the question, "Am I using my time, or is Time using me?"

-Zach Smith



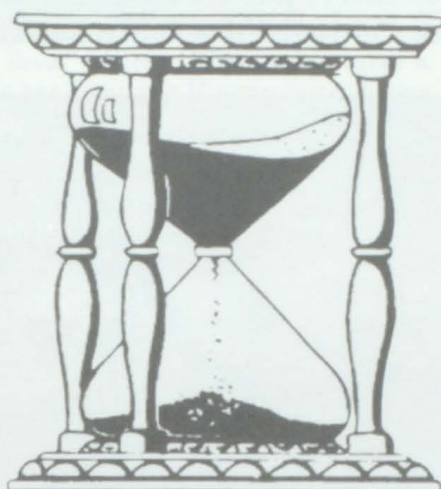
Above- Brianna Epp and Zach Smith scramble to get this very page done for yearbook while Ryan Greene gives his opinion on which pictures to use.



Above- During the Speech Showcase, Suzanne Schmid and Shelby McPeak perform their duet, "Surgery," which they later took to the state speech competition.

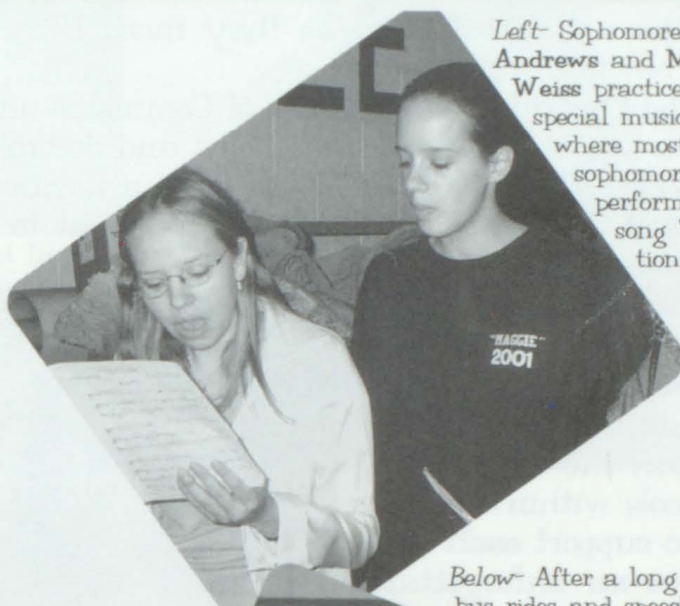
"The good things in life are
only good in moderation."

-Zach Smith



Left- Sophomores Angela
Andrews and Melissa

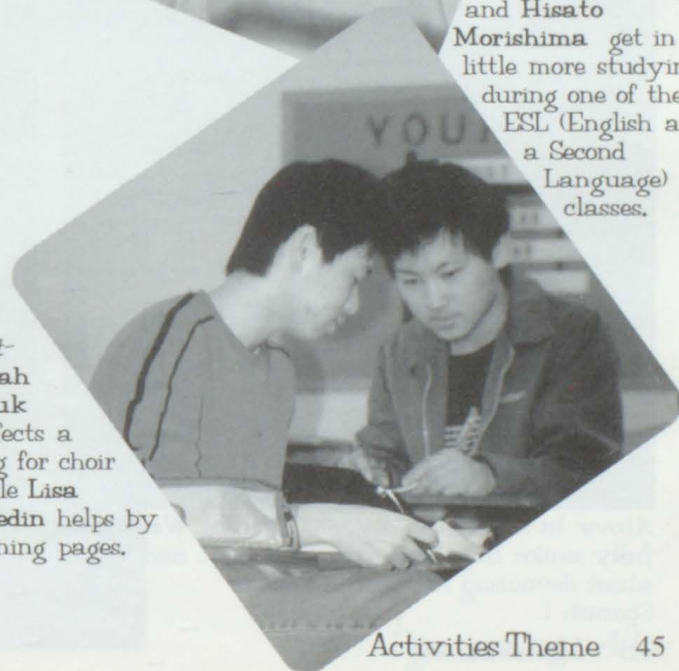
Weiss practice for the
special music chapel
where most of the
sophomore girls
performed the
song "Descrip-
tion of Hope."



Below- After a long day of
bus rides and speeches, Katie
Cunningham sits back
and relaxes with
a good book.



Below- Paul Feng
and Hisato
Morishima get in a
little more studying
during one of their
ESL (English as
a Second
Language)
classes.



Left-
Sarah
Kauk
perfects a
song for choir
while Lisa
Weedin helps by
turning pages.



Ignited Spirits

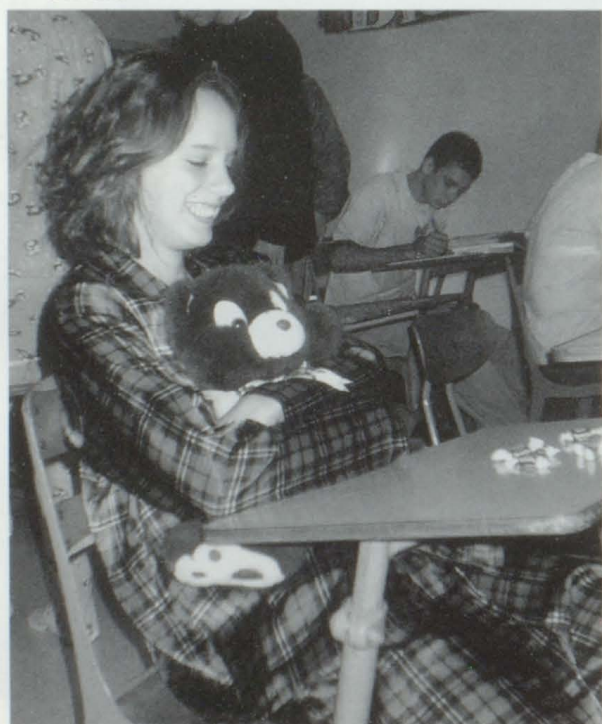
The 2001 Spirit Week was a blur of activities. The Student Council ignited the student body's imagination by adding new "dress up" days to the old. Famous Couple/Person Day and Career Day were joined to the list of Twin Day, Pajama Day, and Blue and White Day. Encourager balloons were sold by the Student Council to be given to faculty and students. Classes hung banners all around the school to show their enthusiasm and inspire the volleyball team as they faced Elba and the football team as they played against Newman Grove.

The Central City Chamber of Commerce added to the student body's excitement by lining the school driveway with signs and decorating storefront windows with heartening words. They also ended Spirit Week with a terrific pep rally, put on by the members of the Chamber of Commerce. A big thanks goes out to the Central City Chamber of Commerce and area businesses for promoting NC's homecoming.

Amidst the chaotic events and tragedies that occurred during the month of September, the community and schools within came together to support each other and have an unforgettable homecoming week.

-Kaelee Stone

Right- Suzanne Schmid, "Maid Marian," readjusts "Robin Hood's," Tyson Smith's, hat so he can fashionably run through Sherwood Forest.



Above- In her comfy pajamas, Melissa Weiss gleefully smiles, hugs her teddy bear tight, and thinks about devouring her Tootsie Rolls in Spanish I.



Above- Ashley Stone, exhibiting feelings of sleepiness on Pajama Day, asks Mrs. Moody how many groups of stars are in the universe.

Right- Queen Amy Schreiber and King Chase Francel prepare for the leadership duties that follow their coronation by representing the school at various activities throughout the year. Other queen candidates included Ashley Brookhouser and Christy Swanson. Also, king candidates included Luke Osler and Andrew Ritta.



Above 'Runaway Bride,' Melody Dockweiler, takes a rest from running to complete her Computer II assignment during 7th hour.



Right 'Miss Piggy' and 'Kermit the Frog,' also known as Kayla Johnson and Christy Swanson, lend each other a loving squeeze to start off the first morning of Spirit Week.



Below Chris Senkpile diligently listens to Mr. Brill in 8th grade Bible, trying to learn the divisions of the Old Testament.



Above Luke Osler, co-president of the Student Council, works hard to raise money by making encourager balloons to sell to students and faculty on Blue and White Day.

Awe and Worship

Strolling down the hall a little before lunch time, music reverberated off the walls. The source of the heavenly melodies was the Music and Worship Center. Mrs. Elaine Wischmeier directed either the band, the choir, or the ensemble daily in their worship of God. The music department at NC provided the students with ways to learn how to show reverence and awe to God and to share their worship with others.

The band performed at the Harvest Festival, the Advance Dinner, the Spring Concert and the Conference Music Contest. To prepare for these events, the 34 members met twice weekly to practice as a large group. Stemming from the band, many instrumental small groups performed at the Conference and District Music Contests. Each song played provided a way for the students to worship God.

Eight members made up the year's ensemble of exceptional musicians. They practiced three times a week in preparation for their special performances at churches in area towns. Through their songs and testimonies, the ensemble shared what NC is about and what they had learned while attending the school.

The most familiar and recognizable division of the music department was the choir. With 61 members, they were hard to miss. The choir met three days weekly to get ready for their four spring concert tours. They also performed at the Harvest Festival, the Advance Dinner, and the Conference and District Music Contests. Together, the choir displayed their reverence and awe of God by thankfully praising Him in song.

Throughout the school year, students had many opportunities to praise and worship God using music. The music blessed all who participated and taught the importance of worship as a group. Without the music department, NC would not be the same.

-Stephani Deichmann



Above- During choir tour, Amy Schreiber shares with the congregation about what God and NC have meant to her.



Above- Members of the 2001-2002 choir, directed by Mrs. Wischmeier, left to right, front to back: Row 1: Misty Voss, Rachel Cooper, Ashley Chase, Carissa Schweitzer, Nikki Christensen, Meagan Elge, Sarah Rainbolt, Holly Urban, Emily Griess, Joy Ruark, Angela Andrews Row 2: Valerie Ritta, Taffy Lee, Katie Cunningham, Alyson Zaruba, Christy Swanson, Tyler Schreiber, Tim Peterson, Shelby McPeak, Melissa Weiss, Kate Schmid, Mikayla Wegner Row 3: Michael Wegner, Alex Huebert, Melissa Kreiger, Jessica Kirby, Lydia Kinney, Melody Dockweiler, Jeremy Urban, Andrew Ritta, Justin Ratliff, Jenny Rainbolt, Hannah Hampton, Erin Nickel, Kristi Johnson, Ben Unruh, Nic Ryan Row 4: Mark Creutzberg, Nathan Ruark, Marcus Griess, Jill Nickel, Kayla Aspegren, Ashley Brookhouser, Andrew Nunnenkamp, Scott Dibbern, Luke Osler, Josh Thiessen, David Swanson, Nathaniel Bergen, Amy Schreiber, Kayla Johnson, Ryan Garwood, Drew Schreiber, Shawn Troester (not pictured: Amber Paul, Lisa Weedon, Sean Bokelman, Sarah Kauk, Meagan Hoops, Pam Shimmin, Jeremy Grosch)



Above- Members of the 2001-2002 band; left to right, front to back: Row 1: Becca Brill, Winter Flodman, Holly Urban, Amy Schreiber, Stephani Deichmann, Drew Schreiber, Sam Krug, Mrs. Wischmeier Row 2: Celeste Hattan, Valerie Ritta, Kaelee Stone, Rachel Cooper, Shawn Troester, Racheal Swanson, Ashley Stone Row 3: Melissa Kreiger, Amber Paul, Ashley Brookhouser, Kate Schmid, Jeremy Lutes, Jason Miller, Matt Parlane Row 4: Jason Weedin, Andrew Ritta, Aaron McHargue, Jessica Kirby, Alina McIntyre, Ross Aerni, Jena Ward Row 5: Hisato Morishima, Julius Coertzen, Matt Patrick, Ryan Faeh, Tyler Schreiber



Above- Members of the 2001-2002 Master's Musicians; left to right, front to back: Row 1: Melody Dockweiler, Kayla Johnson Row 2: Christy Swanson, Amy Schreiber Row 3: Luke Osler, Nathan Ruark, Jill Nickel, Drew Schreiber



Below- Matt Parlane and Hisato Morishima talk about how they hope to play at the Harvest Festival.



Above- Holly Urban and Sarah Kauk play their instruments in order to bring harmony to the choir's voices. Left- Mrs. Wischmeier plays a solo part from the song "On Wisconsin" during pep band.

New Opportunities

During chapel this year, we experienced a variety of new and traditional activities. Changing from spiritual emphasis weeks to spiritual emphasis days was probably the biggest alteration. We had two separate days where the student body was led by special speakers in the teaching and worshipping of God. Having the full day gave us a chance to put aside all else and focus totally on Jesus Christ.

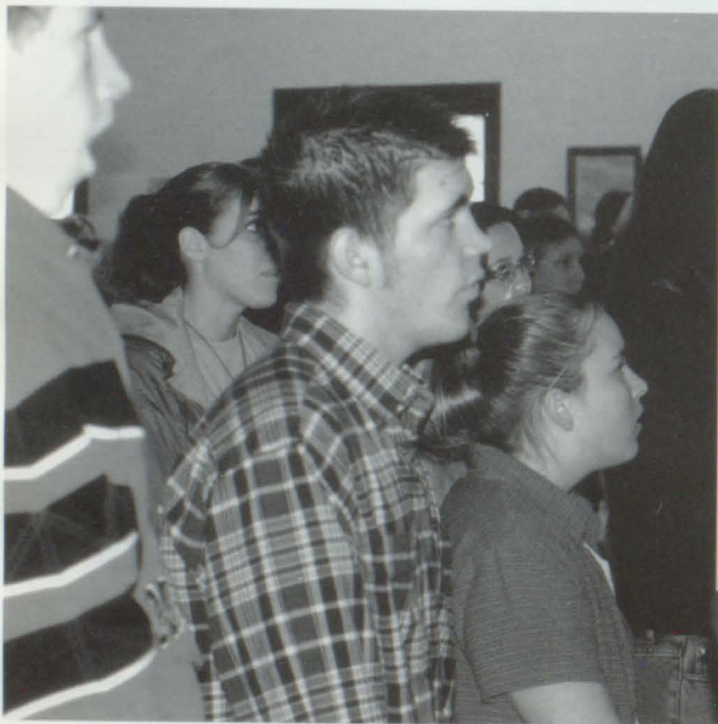
New experiences were also added during the weekly chapel time as well. Another new addition included the quizzing competitions. Teams competed against each other in all areas, ranging from sports to Bible knowledge. Other memorable chapels were football player Steve Grant's "Southern" preaching and Greg Strange's upbeat concert. Alumni returned to share their college experiences and a special music chapel was also held to give fellow students a chance to share their talents.

Melissa Weiss described her appreciation for chapel, "It's great that we have so many opportunities to come together as a student body and worship our Lord." This year's chapel program added student involvement with an emphasis on personal growth and development with God.

-Suzanne Schmid



Right- As part of the speech and drama class, **Amy Schreiber** and **Ashley Janzen** present a skit during chapel dealing with prioritizing your life.

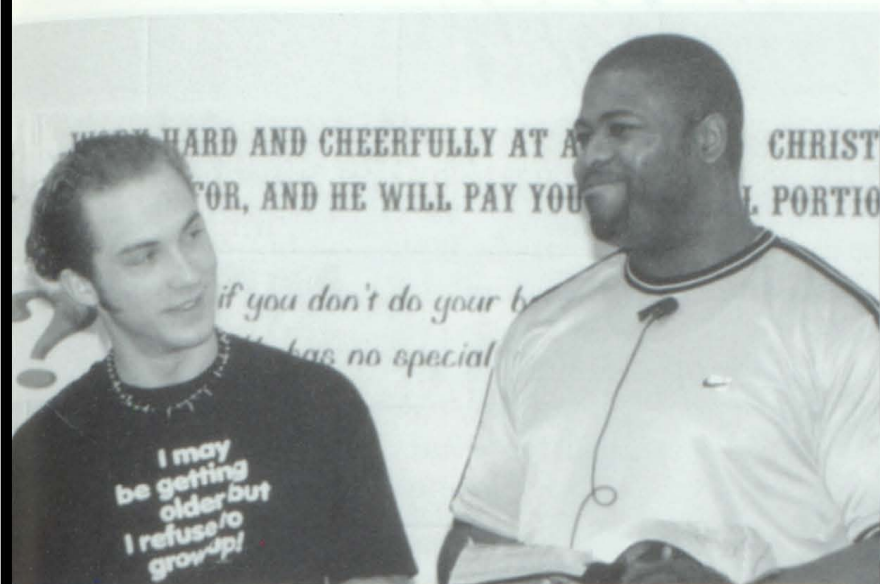


Above- Worshipping the Lord through music, **Sean Bokelman** and **Becca Brill** sing out during chapel.



Above- **Ryan Lavelle** and **Sarah Kauk** delight their fellow students by performing a violin duet for a music special.

Right- On Spiritual Emphasis Day, Pastor Murdock, while his assistant holds up tablets, demonstrates that we've all broken the Ten Commandments by using **Jason Miller** and **Jordan Davis** as examples.



Above- Steve Grant coaches Zach Smith on how to read Scripture with 'Southern' emphasis.



Right- Kathy Nauman uses Shelby McPeak, walking around rat traps, as an illustration of avoiding treacherous traps in real life.



Below- During a quizzing competition, Meagan Elge, Jessica Kirby, and Alexis Epp focus on the question at hand.



Above- Erin Nickel and Luke Osler rest in the 'realms of Heaven' as they perform a skit during the first Spiritual Emphasis Day.

Lighting the World

Most of the time, people go on missions trips to bring God's love into the lives of others. They go to give but generally end up receiving. Through all the activities involved in going on missions trips, students can teach as well as learn from the people to whom they are witnessing. By teaching them Bible verses and songs, students can give people God's love. In return, students often receive love from the children through hugs and smiles.

The students who went on missions trips in the summer of 2001 received various important lessons that will last throughout their lives. They learned how much God has blessed them and how to be thankful for what they have. They also learned different ways to trust God in what he has planned for the rest of their lives.

People not only receive blessings from the actual trip, but also learn from the process of preparing to go on the trip. Support in finances, prayer, and encouragement are very important gifts for students going on missions trips. From Nebraska to Mexico, Russia to the rest of the world, the students of Nebraska Christian School gave and received God's love through their missions trips.

-Brianna Epp

Right- Shelby McPeak and a camper from the YMCA Chipmunk Camp bury their feet in the sand at a park in Columbus.



Above- During the school's Christmas shoebox outreach, Ross Aerni and Alex Inman rearrange their box so that everything will fit.



Above- Derek Veburg pauses amidst the bustle of wrapping Christmas presents for under-privileged children to write a letter to the recipient.

Right- On a missions trip with her youth group to Mexico, which included a variety of outreach activities, Jewel Thiessen enjoys witnessing to the children.

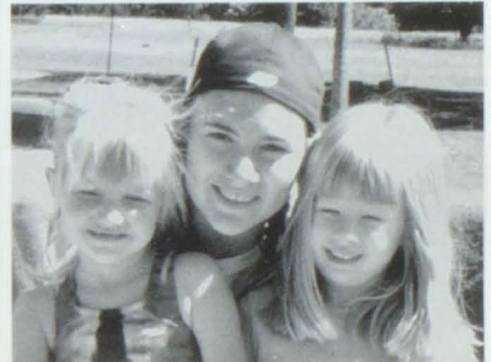


Above Before leaving, Christy Swanson takes time to pose with one of the children she was witnessing to at an orphanage on a mission trip to Russia.

Right During the Awana program at the Community Bible Church in Central City, Drew Schreiber and Shawn Troester converse with one of the children in the program.



Below Helping at the YMCA Chipmunk camp in Columbus, Stephani Deichmann dries off with some of the campers after swimming.



Above While taking a break during her missions trip to Ecuador, Lisa Weedon has lunch at McDonald's, where she practices her Spanish in a conversation with Ronald McDonald.

Proclaimed Words

"Small, yet mighty" defined the speech team this year. Though we did not comprise a full team, we made up for it in energy and spirit. Our young team encouraged one another through long after-school practices and early Saturday morning meets, and also cheered and celebrated with each other in our triumphs.

One thing Coach Ferris emphasized throughout the season was that our actions and words at speech meets were observed by many, both Christians and non-Christians. The team verse reminded us of this truth. "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). We realized that speech meets were not just about doing well in our events, but were also opportunities for us to demonstrate our love for Christ.

"The way we carry ourselves and the comments we make could be the only Jesus some people ever see," commented Kaelee Stone. This was not only applicable in the course of the season but extended to all other aspects of life. As we continue throughout our lives, we should keep in mind that someone's always observing our Christian lives, even when we think no one is watching.

-Suzanne Schmid

Right- Kayla Johnson and Drew Schreiber argue their innocence in the *OID*, *What Women Want Most*, while Aaron McHargue and Kaelee Stone, as the Justices of the Court, attempt to decipher who is really telling the truth.



Above- During the speech showcase, Katie Cunningham presents her state qualifying poem for family and friends.



Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Sarah Rainbolt, Shelby McPeak, Suzanne Schmid, Kayla Johnson, Kaelee Stone, Jill Nickel, Kristi Johnson, Coach Ruth Ferris Row 2: Katie Cunningham, Christy Swanson, Ashley Janzen, Angela Andrews, Alexis Epp, Kayla Aspegren Row 3: Emily Griess, Mikayla Wegner, Nathan Ruark, Jeremy Urban, Aaron McHargue, Drew Schreiber Row 4: Zach Smith, Chase Francel, Luke Osler, Marcus Griess, Alex Inman (not pictured Charity Davis)



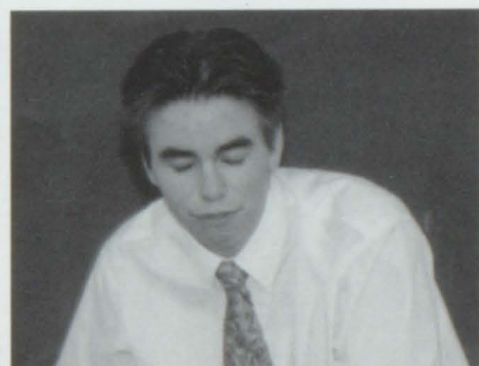
Above- Coach Ferris helps Erin Nickel organize and prepare her poetry piece for the fast-approaching season.

Right- State winner Jeremy Urban portrays how to get into the gym and pump some iron during his speech entitled *A Real Man*.

Below- Jill Nickel and Kayla Aspegren put in time after school practicing with coaches. They participated as novices in the duet category.



Below- During a lunch-hour meeting, Shelby McPeak asks Coach Ferris to explain one judge's comments on her duet.



Above- In his humorous prose, Marcus Griess barter with his second character.

The Fire at Home

Ah, dorm life. This is usually the time when college students survive under the messiest of conditions and on diets of frozen pizza and Ramen noodles. But we resident students here at Nebraska Christian were among the few, the proud, and the strong of hearts and stomachs. We were *high school* dormies! Yes, we knew that when we graduated, the horrors of college dorms would be normal.

Living here on campus was an opportunity I did not want to miss. For one thing, I could set my alarm for 7:45 a.m., roll out of bed, put on something clean, brush my hair, and bam! I was already at school.

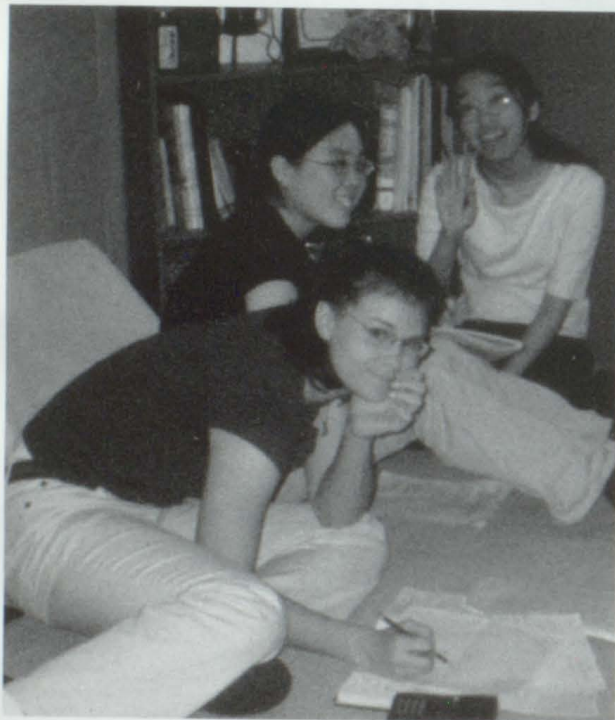
As wonderful as it seemed, this was not the only advantage to dorm life. "The friendships here are awesome," said Hisato Morishima, an international student from Japan, "and we build on our relationship with God." The entertainment was also a plus. "Cartwheels in the hall are awesome!" exclaimed freshman Melissa Krieger.

Dorm living proved to be fun and inspired us to live a better life for Christ by holding each other accountable in friendship.

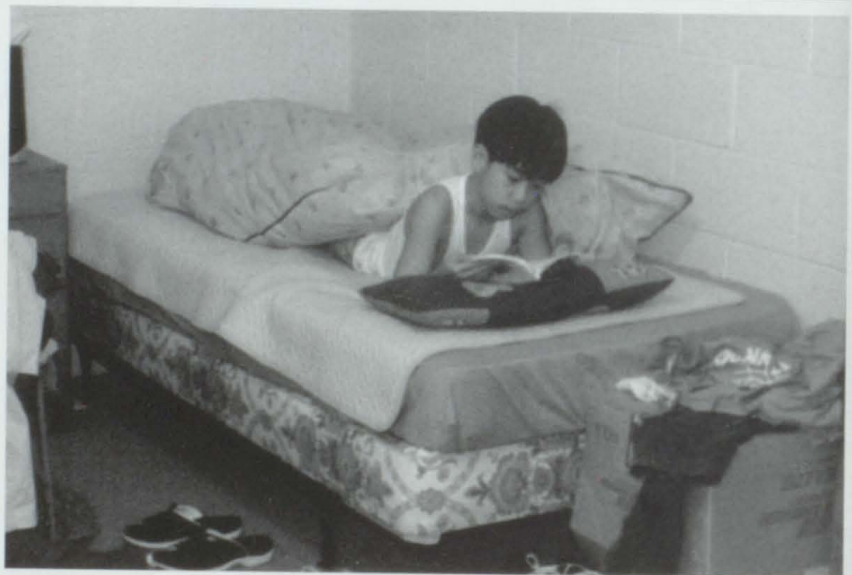
All of the residents here found a home we could come to and feel comfortable and accepted. We managed to create a very pleasant atmosphere with the help of God's grace, a little effort, and, of course, Glade Plug-ins: a tool which no dorm student could survive without.

-Jenny Rainbolt

Right- Ryan Greene and Luke Osler relax with Alexis Hower in her whale-shaped 'hot tub' while the rest of the dorm suffer through cold showers.



Above- Ashley Brookhouser, Lynn Chang, and Winnie Feng study hard in Ashley and Winnie's room.



Above- Samuel Hwang spends the evening reading in bed.

Right- Hannah Hampton, Daurice Hower, and Ryan Greene prepare for dinner.



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Above- Hannah Hampton gives Misty Voss a manicure as they enjoy the fresh air.



Below- Paul Feng unwinds by playing with his electronic game.



Above- Jeff Hower cradles his newborn son, Seth Gideon Hower.

International Experiences

Name: Ngan Sang
 American name: Susana
 Birthplace: Macau
 Birth date: Febr. 20, 1981

Favorites

Hometown food: Seafood
 American food: Ice cream
 Freetime activity: Listening to music
 American oddity: Going to bed early
 Least fav. American food: Anything with cheese

No matter where you traversed on campus, it was very probable that you heard a language you couldn't quite translate. Eleven faces from four different Asian countries could be spotted almost anywhere on campus. They brought new traditions, exotic foods, and diverse personalities for the student body, especially those in the dorm, to get to know. The American dorm students learned about the internationals' ways of life in exchange for teaching the internationals better English. We shared great experiences and learned many lessons.

We hope you enjoyed Nebraska; Nebraska certainly enjoyed you!

-Ashley Brookhouser

Name: Jang Han Sol
 American name: Daniel
 Birthplace: Bun Dang, South Korea
 Birth date: Febr. 17, 1989

Favorites

Hometown food: Kimch
 American food: Steak
 Freetime activity: Sports
 American oddity: Eye color
 Least fav. American food: None



Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Brian Jeon, Samuel Hwang, Daniel Jang, Eva Mow, Winnie Feng, Susana Lam
 Row 2: Hisato Morishima, Choongman Lee, Paul Feng, John Chang (not pictured Lynn Chang)



Above- Lynn Chang and Winnie Feng bask in the sunlight with their winter companion at Ashley Chases house where Lynn lived for the year.

Below- John Chang helps Choongman Lee identify the pronouns on his worksheet during ESL (English as a Second Language) Class.



Moral of the Story...

Bright and early on Saturday, April 20, 2002, the freshman class of Nebraska Christian took to the road for the school's first ever trip to Washington D.C. From Central City, Nebraska, to the big cities of Chicago, Washington D.C., and New York, this trip will be in our memories forever! We will never forget it!

First, we went to Chicago where we stayed at Moody Bible Institute. On Sunday, we attended Moody Church. Then we made our way to Washington D.C. where we saw many famous buildings and monuments such as: the Washington Monument, the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, and Arlington Cemetery. After D.C., we headed to New York where we viewed Ground Zero of the World Trade Center attacks and saw the Statue of Liberty.

Mr. Jon Musgrave challenged us each day with a character trait. Definitions of patience, gratefulness, and self control were a few that he placed in the front of the bus for us. With the bus break downs, we were able to apply them, especially patience.

We learned to tolerate McDonald's time and time again, and also to tolerate each other, even through the 24 hours we were on the bus with no shower breaks! God provided for and protected us. We arrived home eight days later exhausted, with a new perspective of our country and of each other.

Megan Elge



What is your
favorite pop?

Mt. Dew
Dr. Pepper
Coke
Sprite
Pepsi
Wild Cherry Pepsi

What is your
favorite
candy bar?

Snickers
Peanut Butter M&M's
Butterfinger
3 Musketeers
Twix

Top 10...

ways students ignite their day

1. Find out there's no school
2. Hang out with friends
3. Eat
4. Girls
5. Devotions
6. Drink Coffee
7. Listen to music
8. Take a nap
9. Get a smile
10. Play Small Ball



Left- NC choir students take a break and relax between performances at the Berean Church in Grand Island.
Below- Proudly displaying their school pride, Ken Janzen along with a crew of NC volleyball fans cheer between games at the home volleyball match against St. Edward.



A Beneficial Event

Many events helped the school this year, but none so much as the Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction put on by the school. Mr. Edgren gave up his office to Kathy Chase, the auction coordinator. Preparations began at the beginning of the school year for the auction to be held in March. Kathy enlisted the help of anyone willing to send out letters, make phone calls, and collect donations. Over 500 items were donated, including a duck hunting trip, a 1997 Ford Expedition, and a football autographed by all of the Nebraska Cornhuskers as they flew to the Rose Bowl.

On March 22 and 23, a silent auction allowed people to bid on over 400 of the items. The silent auction closed on the afternoon of March 23rd to lead into a live car auction, followed by a formal dinner and live auction. Students dressed in black and white greeted the 280 attendees and served them a meal catered by Chances R. Even Governor Johannes attended and spoke on the value of Christian education.

The event was an overwhelming success. The silent auction brought in \$10,000, while the car and live auctions earned \$20,000 each. Thanks to the generous donations of many businesses in the area, the school paid teachers on time and lowered the debt. -Stephani Deichmann



Left- Auctioneer Mac Bergen calls out bids during the live auction as assistants Sarah Rainbolt, Holly Urban, and Mikayla Wegner help showcase the items.



What things cost in 2002...

Bread	\$2.50
Milk	\$2.59
Large Pizza	\$16.99
Candy Bar	\$0.60
Pop	\$1.00
McValue Meal	\$2.99
Movie	\$6.50
Athletic Shoes	\$80.00
Backpack	\$39.99
Pens	\$2.00
Haircut	\$11.00
Hair Spray	\$2.00
Chapstick	\$1.19
Personal Computer	\$1500.00

Below- Enjoying a fun-filled afternoon during the all-school social, students participate in the annual slip 'n slide station.



Above- Senior Zach Smith graciously accepts his invitation to the Junior/Senior Banquet from junior Micah Johnson at the end of another busy day of school.

Creative Ambition

There were those of us who believed that there was nothing more beautiful than the sound of keys tapping, papers fluttering, and cameras clicking. These people, with their constant creativity and ambition, made up the yearbook staff. The *Reflector*, which you are reading right now, was pieced together slowly, but surely, by Mrs. Moody and the 2002 Yearbook staff. Mrs. Moody kept us on our toes, making sure that everything was in its place. When the *Reflector* was complete, we were proud to put our names on it.

"Yearbook has responsibility and freedom," said senior staff member, Zach Smith. "You have the power to create something new and have fun doing it. Just don't get caught abusing the freedom." Until next year, we hope you enjoy our gift to you.

-Jenny Rainbolt



Above- Zach Smith and Chase Franci prepare their layouts for the first deadline.



Above- Kaelee Stone considers her picture options for the homecoming page as she prepares to meet tomorrow's deadline.



Above- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Billy Gripenstroh, Jenny Rainbolt, Suzanne Schmid, Stephani Deichmann, Kaelee Stone, Brianna Epp. Row 2: Ryan Greene, Chase Franci, Zach Smith (not pictured), Sean Bokelman, Corryn Storz, Ashley Chase

Below- Suzanne Schmid stifles a smile as she edits her story about this year's speech team.



Above- Ashley Chase and Ryan Greene search through stacks of pictures to find the perfect photo for the volleyball page.



State Qualifiers



Left- state wrestling qualifiers: Ryan Faeh and Ryan Carwood

Ryan Faeh, 125, wrestled two tough matches at the state meet. His opponents went on to take 2nd and 3rd place. During his second appearance at the state meet Ryan Carwood, 152, also competed in two difficult matches.

Left- cross country state qualifier: Nathaniel Bergen placed 10th out of 50 runners at districts to qualify for the state meet. At the state meet, Nathaniel placed 29th out of 90 runners.

Right- girls state track qualifiers: Sarah Kauk, pole vault; Stephani Deichmann, pole vault; Melissa Weiss, 3200 meter run Sarah cleared 8 feet to tie for 11th place in the pole vault, and Stephani placed 7th by clearing 9 feet. With a time of 12:58.84, Melissa placed 14th in the 3200 meter run.



Above- state speech qualifiers: Row 1: John McHargue, assistant coach; Katie Cunningham, Oral Interpretation of Poetry Row 2: Ruth Ferris, coach; Erin Nickel, Oral Interpretation of Poetry; Suzanne Schmid, Duet Acting; Shelby McPeak, Duet Acting Row 3: Aaron McHargue, Extemporaneous Speaking; Jeremy Urban, Entertainment Speaking Both Aaron and Jeremy placed 1st in their events and were awarded with gold medals.

Right- boys state track qualifiers: Justin Ratliff, pole vault; Ryan Carwood, 3200 relay; Ben Unruh, 3200 relay; Luke Osler, 3200 relay; Nathaniel Bergen, 3200 relay, 800, and 1600; Tim Peterson, 3200 relay alternate

The boys' 3200 relay placed 8th with a time of 8:40.35. With a time of 2:06.63, Nathaniel came in 14th in the 800. He also placed 11th in the mile by running a 4:44. Justin qualified for state pole vault by clearing 10 feet at districts.



A Bonding Flame

For four years, students wait. They watch each successive senior class disappear to some remote paradise for nearly a week, missing school for no apparent reason, "just because." This year, it was finally our turn to get the nod for a leave of absence.

Departure for camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je (I'd Rather Have Jesus) was a dark and early one on a Sunday morning in mid-March. An excited, cramped bus load of 29 students and sponsors rolled out of the parking lot and our adventure began.

Over the next four days, we found ourselves bonding with our classmates in various ways. We filled our days with skiing/snowboarding (and consequently laughing), "sledding," and hiking, along with games of ping pong, basketball, foosball, floor hockey, Mafia, Spades, and Risk. We spent hours talking with one another, both sponsors and students alike. Some of us even woke up early to wander around the campgrounds to catch the sunrise.

But then our four days had passed, seemingly as quickly as our past four years of high school. As we sang our fond adieu and dreamt dreams of memories to come, we realized that friendships truly are made to last a lifetime.

-Chase Franci

Right- While Ryan Greene bonds with his six-string, Zach Smith helps compose their latest work while enjoying a little down time following chapel.



Above- Students Amy Schreiber, Chase Franci, Erin Nickel, and Ross Aerni, proud to just be alive, pose for a picture following the first day at Loveland.



Above- In a recreation of World War I, a small contingent of seniors strategize and ally as others cluelessly carry on their "friendly" game of Risk.

Right- Seniors try desperately to find ways to entertain themselves during the long bus ride home while reflecting over the past four days of events.



Above With only three furlongs to go, sponsors **Charissa Smith** and **Anna McHargue** get their 50 cents worth as they race for 7th and 8th place.



Right **Katie Cunningham** poses with veteran snowboarders **Ryan Greene** and **Ryan Lavelle** as she prepares for her first skiing lesson.



Below **Ashley Brookhouser** shreds the bunny slopes during the first day of skiing.



Above Speaker and sponsor **Tracy Norris** speaks on God's blessings during the last night at camp.



Left Tom Cruise-wannabe **Mr. Tom Dockweiler** scopes out the surroundings before enjoying a relaxing day of skiing.

A Wonderland of Excitement

Hundred dollar tuxedos and dresses, twenty dollar corsages, and hours spent in preparation for a night that comes only twice in a lifetime for NC students—is all this effort and money really worth the hassle? Definitely.

This year's junior class gave the seniors a truly memorable night. The gym was decorated in black and white for pictures, setting a tone of elegance early in the evening. They rented out the Faith Evangelical Bible Church in Henderson, which placed students in an unfamiliar setting, adding to the excitement. The juniors' parents volunteered to do the catering, which helped keep expenses at a minimum.

The night's speaker was Pastor Friesen, the assistant pastor from the Berean Church in Grand Island. His message followed the theme of the night, Winter Wonderland. Pastor Friesen shared how to achieve a "God chill." For the entertainment portion of the event, the juniors prepared a special video featuring pictures of the juniors and seniors throughout their school experience.

The night ended sooner than past banquets. This allowed students to go their separate ways for the rest of the night's activities, of which the dinner was only the beginning.

But what made the evening special was not that students spared no expenses, or that everything appeared to be perfect. What made the night one to remember was that it was time spent with friends, and that's something that no amount of money can buy.

—Chase Franci

Right—Senior Dana Smith squeezes in one last picture with junior girls Corryn Storz, Ashley Janzen, Nikki Christensen, Ashley Chase, and Carissa Schweitzer.



Above—Following the event, Ryan Veburg and Junior Class Sponsor Mrs. Prusa critique the set up and activities of the night.



Above—Enjoying themselves on a night away from Central City, Lynn Chang and Winnie Feng try to track down somebody to take pictures.

Right—Several weeks prior to Junior/Senior, Junior Class President Rachel Cooper and Student Council Representative Micah Johnson pass out invitations to the awaiting juniors and seniors.



Above- The 'Comeday Crew' charges the camera in a reenactment of a play from the fall football season.

Best Dressed in 2002

Junior Girl	Corryn Storz
Junior Guy	David Swanson
Senior Girl	Amy Schreiber
Senior Guy	Adam Thiessen
Couple	Kate Schmid Matt Murphy



Below- Jewel Thieszen helps decorate the gym in preparation for pictures and punch.



Above- Expressing the gratitude of the junior class for her hard work and dedication to organizing the event, Stephani Deichmann presents Lisa Weedon with flowers and a hug towards the end of the night.

Light Your World

The class of 2002 graduated with high hopes on May 10. This monumental occasion in their lives was the culmination of months of planning. In spite of the chaotic world in which they found themselves, they firmly believed in the words of Lyndon Johnson which they chose for their class motto, "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

Early in the year, the class began preparing for their graduation day. Among the many tasks they faced were the choices of class colors, flower, motto, speaker, and class verse. After much discussion, they chose red, black, and silver as their colors with a silver-tipped red rose as the class flower. In the spirit of uniqueness, the class of 2002 decided to break from the norm and have each member of the class wear a black robe with silver chords instead of the usual guys one color and girls another. With these hurdles jumped, all that remained was planning Senior Class Time. Committees wrote the class history and prophecy, wills were given, the juniors said one last good-bye, and it was on to the big day.

The seniors listened attentively as Steve Pearson brought words of wisdom about how to respond to the upheaval in the world. One thought came from the class verse, taken from

Ecclesiastes 5:7, "Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore, stand in awe of God." His sober message also provided the ray of hope that will take the class of 2002 into the future. In an uncertain world, Christ's love for us and our love for one another are the only answers.

-Sandi Gripenstroh



Right- Having received their diplomas, the graduates anxiously wait to be united with their parents.

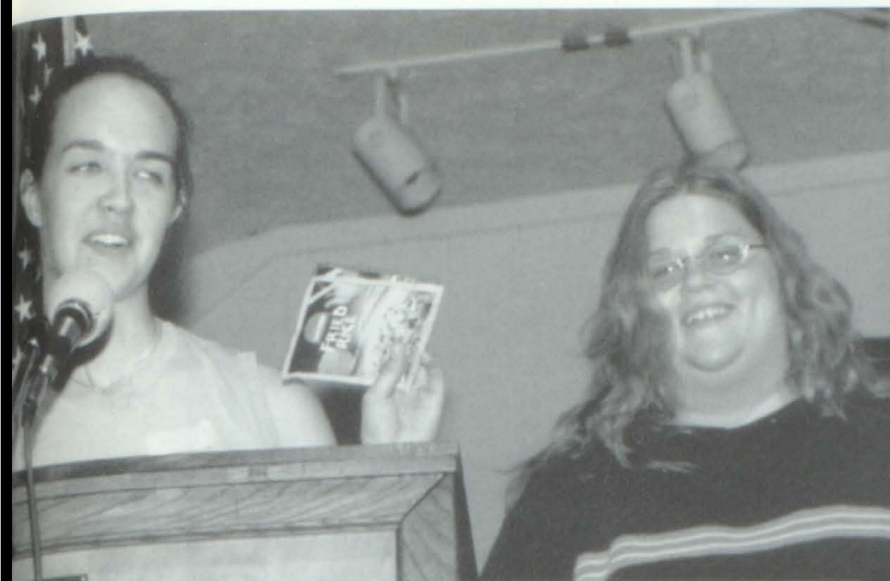


Above- Steve Pearson, 1991 graduate of NC, speaks to the soon-to-be alumni about love amidst the world's chaos.



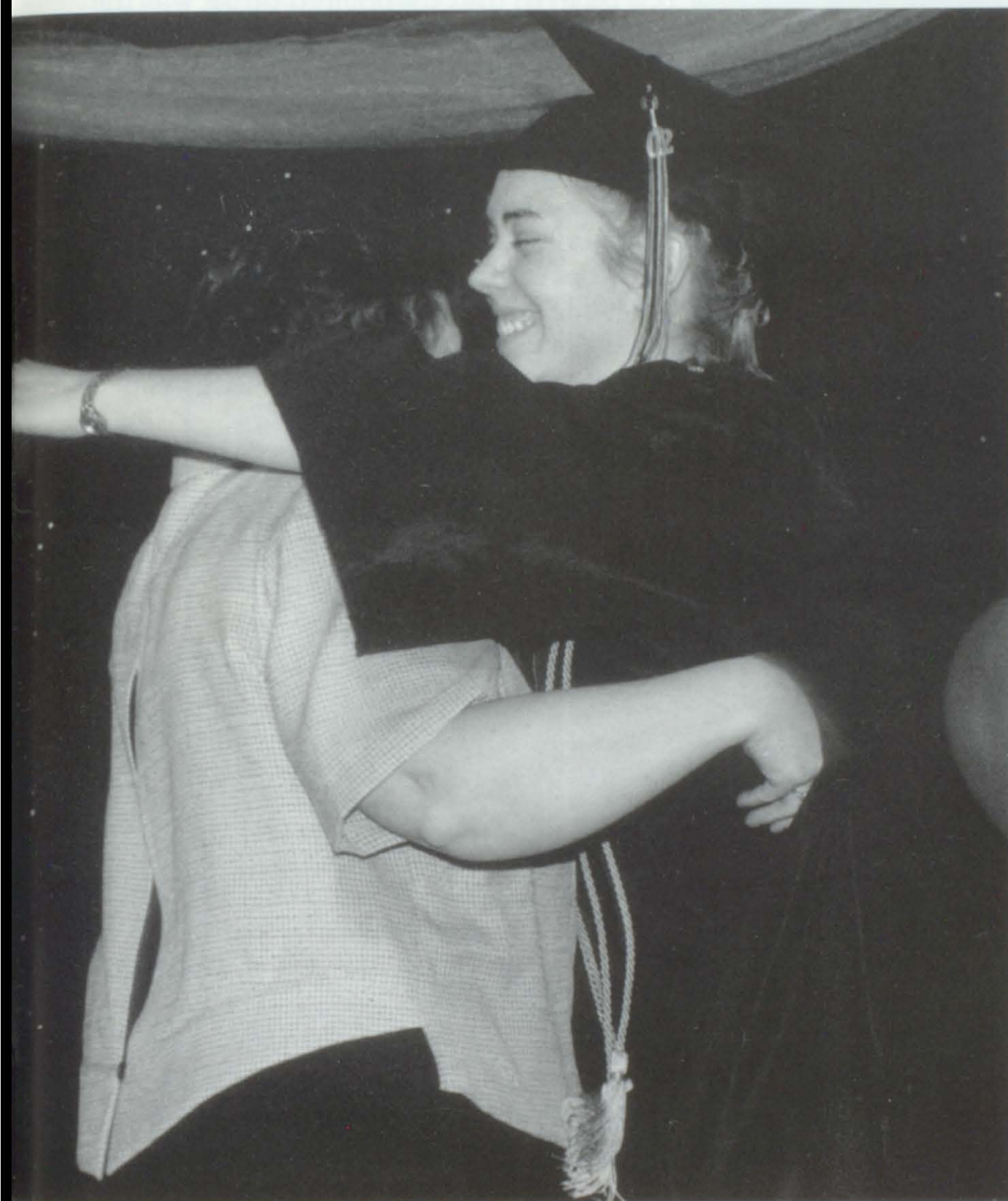
Above- Dana Smith returns Mrs. Uhler's joyful smile and hug following the commencement ceremony.

Right- After giving Alyson Zaruba her diploma, Mrs. Zaruba throws her arms around her daughter in a hug of delight.



Above During Senior Time, Erin Nickel wills Jenny Rainbolt some Chinese food mixes to remind her of their good times on Senior Sneak.

Right Christy Swanson grins from ear to ear as Board President Elroy Thiessen firmly shakes her hand and gives her the long-awaited diploma.



Below Andrew Ritta, valedictorian and finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, addresses the audience and his class concerning the 'wild things' they are about to face in the world.



Above Kate Schmid steps forward to receive her salutatorian trophy and diploma.

Freedom's Fire

A fire was lit in the hearts of the American people on September 11, 2001. It was a fire of patriotism and love of freedom and security. This is the same fire that built this nation and brought us its luxuries.

On September 11, 2001, a total of four jumbo jetliners were hijacked by terrorists. Two of the jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center Towers in New York City. As firefighters, policemen, and rescue workers ran into the buildings to save the survivors, the towers collapsed from the intense heat caused by burning jet fuel. The third plane struck the Pentagon, and the last jetliner that was hijacked crashed in rural Pennsylvania. It is believed that the original target was the White House, but the gallant and sacrificial efforts of passengers that rushed the cockpit of the plane stopped the terrorists from striking their target. The terrorists were part of an extremist Muslim group called the al-Qaida, led by Osama bin Laden. President Bush declared war on terrorism and on all countries that would harbor or assist terrorists. Analysts say that this "war" could cost the United States about 1 billion dollars by its end.

-Zach Smith

Below- Workers dig through the rubble of Ground Zero, previously the World Trade Center Towers.



Above- The American flag was hung from the side of the Pentagon after the crash.

Other events of the year were overshadowed by 9-11, but they also retained their importance. The energy company Enron collapsed, taking its employees retirement funds with it. The Middle East heated up with more violent conflicts than ever. Israel began bombing the Palestinians because of the frequent suicide bombings in Israel.

-Zach Smith





Adam,
***"Trust in the
 Lord with all
 your heart and
 do not lean on
 your own
 understanding.***



***In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will
 make your paths straight."***

Proverbs 3:5-6

Love,

Dad, Mom, Leslie, Josh, & Amy

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! ... and what we will be has not been made known." 1 John 3:1-2



**Keep your eyes on Jesus,
 Ernie Bop! Let Him lead the
 charge, and He will do great
 and mighty things through
 you. Our love, support, and
 prayers are with you
 ALWAYS. We can't wait to
 see what God has planned
 for you!**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In **all** your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Ashley,

We look forward to the amazing things God has in store for your life! Thank you for loving and following Jesus.

WE LOVE YOU,

Dad, Mom, Andrea, & Alex

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us..." Ephesians 3:20



Dear Chase,

You have been a wonderful gift from the Lord to us. Thank you for the joy you have brought into our home. We are very proud of the young man you have become. God has given you a special personality and ability to write; we pray you will remain open to His purpose and will. We will always be here for you and will continue to pray for your obedience to Him and that His purpose will be accomplished through you.

With all our love,
Dad & Mom

"...and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head of all rule and authority" Colossians 2:10



Dear Misty,

How rewarding it has been to watch you mature and learn to make wise choices these last few years.

As you venture out on your own it is our prayer that you always live for and serve the Lord. Listen for His direction. He wants to lead you.

Love,
Jon & Bert

"I will lead them not in the paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16



Congratulations Ryan!

We are so proud of you and are glad you are our son and brother, but we have one regret... you grew up too quickly! Live your life with optimism as the Lord goes before you.

Remember, we ALWAYS love you!

Dad, Mom, Renese, & Reed

"And keep the charge of the Lord your God; to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgements, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn." 1 Kings 2:3



Kate,

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently
for Him..." Psalm 37:7

We love you very much and are very proud of you! Our continued prayer is that you *'grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ'*. 2 Peter 3:18

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Suz



Christy,

**We're so proud of you
and we're trusting that
you'll allow the Lord to
lead in your future...**



"For I know the plans I have for you,"
saith the Lord, 'plans to prosper you
and not to harm you.' " Jeremiah 29:11

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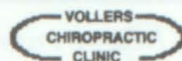
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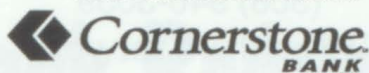
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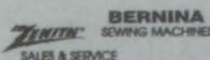


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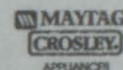
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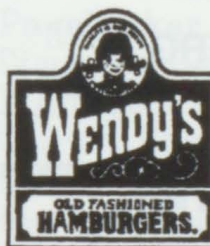


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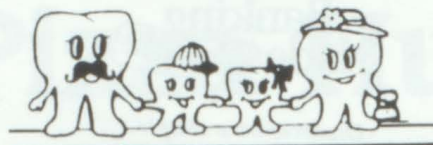
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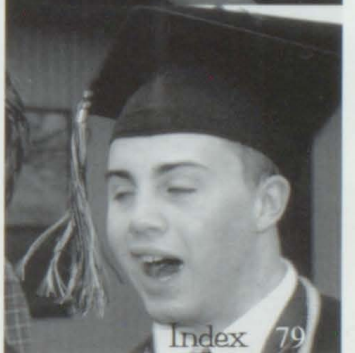
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Spread the Spark

The school year of 2001-2002 was crammed full of a vast array of activities and events. Through it all, we found time to grow and mature. The change happens every year: kindergartners prepare for first grade and seniors leave behind this familiarity of high school. The events of September 11th forced us to disregard our ignorant happy days and face the reality of death. The auction taught us to be grateful servants of our benefactors. New chapels and a godly teaching staff shepherded us through another year of our lives. As we continue on, we pray that we will spread the flame to ignite others to grow

and mature in their own lives and in their walk with God.

-Stephani Deichmann



Above: Beth Dietz gleefully marches through the gym knowing that within the hour she will be free to face the great, big world.





